

## DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- **Visible tattoos** must be covered.
- **Skirts and shorts may be no shorter than 4 inches from the top of the knee.** (This includes shorts or skirts that are worn with leggings; they must be 4 inches from the knee as well)
- **Headphones are not allowed** in the building or classrooms.
- **Visible body piercing** (other than the ears and a small nose stud piercing) and related jewelry is prohibited. Prohibited areas of the body include, but are not limited to eyebrow, cheek, tongue, and lips. Band-Aids to cover jewelry or spacers are not allowed.
- **Spiked jewelry** including earrings are prohibited.
- Pants, jeans and/or skirts must be worn above the hip bones (**no sagging**). Clothing must be appropriately sized and remain at the waistline. Belts must be worn with pants and shorts that have belt loops.
- **Holes in jeans or pants must be at the knee or below.**
- **Tight fitting workout attire** (tights, spandex, etc.) are not acceptable outside of a designated activity period such as dance or athletics.
- Pajama, sleepwear and blankets are prohibited.
- Shoes and sandals must be worn. **House shoes are prohibited.** For safety reasons, during recess and Physical Education Class (P.E.), tennis shoes or an equivalent type shoe (must have a closed toe and back, and a level rubber sole) are to be worn. Shoes such as flip flops, Crocs, sandals, etc. are not permitted during P.E. For students' protection, all footwear may be reviewed by P.E. teachers and/or campus administrators to determine if it meets safety requirements. All sandals must have a back for safety reasons.
- **Sunglasses worn in the building are not acceptable**, unless approved by the principal or as a result of a doctor's authorization submitted to the principal and nurse.
- **The torso (shoulders, back, stomach, hips and buttocks) must be covered.** Tank tops, crop tops, undershirts or muscle shirts are not allowed. Revealing clothing and see-through materials are not acceptable. Low cut necklines and /or revealing clothing including see-through materials, are not acceptable. All undergarments must be covered.
- Students may not wear attire such as leggings **without acceptable clothing over them**, or jogging / biker's shorts designed for more casual settings. District approved shorts may be worn in Physical Education classes.
- **Trench coats, long capes, and dusters are not allowed.**
- **Hats, bandanas, sweat bands, or any other head covering** are not allowed on campus unless specifically approved by the principal or designee. Unapproved head coverings worn on campus will be confiscated.
- Chains, billfold/wallet chains, large beaded chains, bicycle chains are prohibited.

*The Dress & Grooming information can be found in the [TCISD High School Student Handbook](#) on page 51.*

- Uniforms or costumes approved by the principal or designee are acceptable.
- Facial hair will be allowed if neatly groomed and non-disruptive.
- **Hair must be a natural color including extensions.** Colors such as pink, purple, green, orange, blue or variations of these colors are not allowed. Hair should be clean and neatly groomed. Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable. Hairstyles, which pose safety hazards in certain classes, may require that the hair be secured in such a manner as to create the least potential problem. Students may not wear hair rollers to school.
- Observe the basic standards of cleanliness, modesty, good grooming, and dress. All students also have the responsibility to wear clothing, which contributes to their own health and safety as well as that of others.
- **Rosary beads worn as jewelry** are prohibited.
- **Any article of clothing that represents another school** or district such as a jersey, letterman's jacket, t-shirts, etc. may not be worn to school and will be confiscated.
- Any other article of clothing or accessory or hairstyle deemed inappropriate, unacceptable, inflammatory, and/or disruptive (such as clothing with lettering, pictures, patches, slogans, symbols, or advertisements that are distracting) may be confiscated by the school. Confiscated items may be claimed by the parent before June 15 annually. Unclaimed articles will be discarded. The district is not responsible for missing items.
- Personal bags, such as purses, must be smaller than 12 inches wide by 12 inches long. All other school related bags for athletics, band, dance, etc., must be stored in an appropriate area during the school day as determined by each coach or director.
- In addition to the District's Dress and Grooming policy, all Extra-curricular including UIL, clubs and organizations may have stricter policies regarding Dressing and Grooming as deemed by their coach, sponsor or administration.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

\*This Dress Code Policy applies to all students including Collegiate students while on TCHS and LMHS campuses.