

Dress Code

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards.

A student's dress and grooming should be clean, neat and in good taste at all times. A student's appearance shall not create a distraction from nor interfere with the normal orderly process of the instructional program or of the management of any school program.

The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.

The following specific guidelines must be adhered to in the matter of dress in all AISD schools (subject to stricter standards in the Middle Schools):

1. Appropriate and modest attire is required. Some examples of items not to wear include but are not limited to: off-the-shoulder apparel, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, mesh tops, halter tops, see-through clothing, exposed midriff or backs, bicycle shorts, sunshades in the buildings.
2. All apparel, accessories and visible body markings must be free of references to race, alcohol products, tobacco products, drugs, sex, vulgarity, profanity, death, suicide or violence, either explicitly or by innuendo. Body markings on any part of the body must be reasonably covered in an unobtrusive manner if they are gang related or violate any provision of the dress code.
3. Clothing must be appropriately sized and worn at the waistline. No shorts, skirts, or dresses may be shorter than five inches above the top of the knee. Clothing that is altered, slit, or frayed and exposes skin that otherwise would not be permitted, is not allowed. Leggings/tights are not allowed without shorts or skirts unless covered by an appropriate garment that reaches at least to the middle of the thigh.
4. Clothing must adequately cover the student's body so as not to consistently expose any portion of underwear, cleavage, midriff or buttocks when standing or sitting with normal posture. Outer garments must cover undergarments (athletic shorts, pajamas etc.) at waist level.
5. Shoes appropriate for school must be worn at all times. See campus handbook as applicable. No house shoes. No shoes with wheels.
6. Hats, caps, hoods or any other head coverings are not to be worn in the building.

7. Hair should be clean and appropriately groomed and cut or styled in such a way that it does not cover the eyes. Students will not be allowed to spray paint or dye their hair green, blue, purple, pink, or other unnatural tints. The District also prohibits hairstyles and treatments that are unconventional, gang related and/or create a potential disturbance/distraction. Designs in hair and mohawks are prohibited for elementary and middle school students. See campus handbook for high school.
8. Visible body piercing or clipping jewelry is limited to the ears in elementary and middle school. In high school, facial piercings should be limited to clear or small studs. Body piercings should remain concealed at all times.
9. Any apparel, accessory or visible body marking that denotes gang-related association is prohibited (i.e. rags, bandanas, chains, spiked or studded items, or other physical alterations as identified by local law enforcement).

Prior to being disciplined for a violation of the District's dress code, the student will be warned that his/her dress is unacceptable and given an opportunity to make necessary changes. If appropriate corrections are not made in the student's appearance, the student shall be subject to discipline (such as ISS) after being afforded appropriate due process. Repeated offenses may result in additional disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Judgments as to what is neat, clean, modest, immodest, appropriate, or inappropriate will be made by the principal and the decision of the building principal in these matters is final.

In Abilene ISD, all middle school students are required to follow the Middle School Standardized Dress Guidelines:

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AISD MIDDLE SCHOOL STANDARDIZED DRESS

Standardized Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polo style with collar: any red, maroon, white, black, any blue, gray, orange, pink, green (solid colors only) • Sweatshirts, sweaters, hoodies (same color options as standardized tops/pull-over style) • No logos or monograms except for AISD school logos on standardized tops. • Shirts will be tucked in (boys and girls).
Standardized Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants, shorts, skirts: khaki, black, blue, gray (solid colors only, no sweat pant material) • Jumpers: khaki, black, blue, gray (solid colors only) • Must be hemmed and in good condition (no holes, rips, tears, etc.) • Leggings must be solid colors (refer to “Tops”) and must be accompanied by shorts or a skirt.
Spirit Day Dress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit days are a reward and will be determined by the principal and will usually be on Fridays. • There will be no more than one spirit day in a school week. Students will be permitted to wear the following additional items on designated spirit days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AISD school spirit shirts ○ College T-shirts ○ Denim blue jeans with no holes, rips or tears • Students may continue to wear standardized dress on spirit days.
Belts (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black, brown or khaki (no ribbon or sashes, etc.)
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No flip-flops/slides or shower type shoes
Outerwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweatshirts, hoodies, must be long-sleeved, no logos (same solid color options as tops). • Button-up, long-sleeved shirts may be worn over polo shirt but must be unbuttoned, no logos (same solid color options as tops). • Jackets and coats are permitted but must remain open (unzipped/unbuttoned) inside school building.

*** All clothing must be appropriately sized/fitted. Over/Under-sized clothing is not permitted.**

**This standardized dress code serves in addition to the general AISD Dress Code.*