

FISD Student Dress Code

2021-2022

Frankston Independent School District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions, and minimize safety hazards. FISD has the responsibility of maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning and does so by providing not only a secure educational environment, but also standards of acceptable behavior and appearance among students. Campus administration have the right to appraise ANY fashion or fad to determine whether it is appropriate school attire. This dress code is subject to change. In such an event, notification will be provided.

It is the responsibility of students and parents to be knowledgeable of the dress code, so that they comply with the following standards:

General

- Clothing, makeup, jewelry, patches, tattoos, or designs on clothing must not reflect or suggest in any manner drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, vulgar language, gang affiliation, violence, death, or satanic ideology.
- See-through, provocative, or excessively tight or loose clothing, shorts, pants, shirts, or skirts are not permitted.
- Gauges are not allowed.
- Excessive or distracting make-up, hair color, or conspicuous fads are not permitted.
- Students must wear appropriate undergarments. Undergarments shall not be visible.
- Teachers/coaches/sponsors may define appropriate dress for school-sponsored trips.
- The student's condition of cleanliness and personal hygiene shall be such that it does not offend or distract other students or adults.
- Sleepwear and blankets are not permissible attire at school.

Shirts and Tops

- All shirts must have sleeves. No cold-shoulder or off-shoulder tops.
- All tops must be long enough to cover the midriff completely when arms are raised.
- Low-cut clothing is not permitted. Cleavage should not be visible.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses

- Dresses and skirts must be knee length or must extend to the end of the fingertips if worn with non-see through (opaque) leggings or tights. The same standard applies to slits or slashes in dresses or skirts.
- All shorts must extend at least halfway between the top of the knee and the end of the fingertips.
- All dresses must have sleeves – no strapless dresses permitted.
- MS/HS: Jeggings, leggings, yoga pants, and spandex shorts are NOT permitted.
- Elementary ONLY: Jeggings, leggings, and yoga pants are only permitted with tops that cover a student's bottom constantly, with the front of the shirt not tucked in or shorter than the back of the shirt. Spandex shorts are not allowed.
- Skin above the knees shall not be visible in shorts, pants, or jeans.
- All shorts, skirts, dresses, jeans, slacks, and athletic pants must be appropriately sized.

Footwear

- Elementary students must wear closed-toe shoes. Athletic shoes are recommended.
- Flip-flops and sandals are permissible ONLY for secondary schools.

Hair & Head Covering

- Caps, hats, hoods, or head coverings are not permitted inside the buildings.
- Hair shall be groomed to stay out of the student's eyes.
- Hair shall be a natural hair color.
- Symbols, words, or slogans cut into the hair are not permitted.
- Any hairstyle deemed by the campus administration as distracting is not permitted.

You have the proposed dress code. We wanted to give you the reasons why we recommend making some changes.

- Consistency and to not have to back off like last year
 - Need a dress code that will be enforced
- Researched districts and this policy mirrors other district policies
- Ultimate goal is to keep students in class, no loss of instructional (go home and not return)
- Don't want to get sued for discrimination for economically disadvantaged
 - Some students can't get a doctor's note to state they have sensitive skin
- Federal funding (Title IX) can't gender discriminate
 - Difference of telling a girl to shave her face
- We model what we expect students to do- shaved face
- Community divider and places unnecessary strain on parent/school relationships

