

Dress and Grooming Eastland Middle School 2022/2023

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Pants and shorts must be worn at the natural waistline. Belts must be worn if pants will not stay at the natural waistline. Exposure of undergarments is unacceptable. Shorts must be no shorter than the length of the student's middle knuckle when arms are relaxed at the student's sides and must completely cover the student's buttock area. Shorts must also have a hem - no cut-off shorts are allowed.
2. Any Clothing that exposes the waist, navel, abdomen, midsection, torso, back, chest, or other areas considered private is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to crop tops, midriff tops, low cut tops, or shirts cut off at the side
3. Halter tops, Spaghetti tops, Tube tops, Tank tops (straps less than 1 inch in width), or tops that expose undergarments
4. Low cut and/or revealing clothing. (Necklines shall not expose cleavage in the front or be below the armpits in the back)
5. See-through clothing as a primary garment.
6. Pajama tops and/or bottoms, boxers, or other sleepwear as outerwear.
7. Costume clothing
8. Face paint that is not part of a school spirit day or school related activity.
9. Clothing with writing or screening referring to, or that suggests, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, obscenity, profanity, satanic, cult, death, poison, violence, gang affiliation, racism, or that suggests offensive or potentially disruptive content.
10. Cut-outs or holes in pants/shorts or slits in skirts must be no higher than the length of the student's middle knuckle when arms are relaxed at the student's sides. Tape and/or other materials other than a permanent patch will NOT be used as a means to correct this problem. Cut-off shorts will not be permitted.
11. Excessively oversized or excessively tight garments.
12. Shirts with low cut armholes or cutout sleeves. Males with sleeveless shirts.
13. Billfold chains, chains that are not meant to be jewelry, and excessive jewelry.
14. Belts and straps that are not buckled, fastened, or worn appropriately. Buckles that refer to or that suggest tobacco, alcohol, drugs, obscenity, profanity, satanic, cult, death, poison, violence, gang affiliation, or that suggests offensive or disruptive content.
15. Any visible tattoos.
16. Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas, hoods, and other headwear are not to be worn in the building. Students may not wear hair curlers, rollers, hair picks, combs, or brushes in their hair.
17. 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.

18. Male students must be clean shaven at all times

19. No bizarre and/or unusual style in hair or hair color, which is disruptive to the educational process will be worn at school. Students' hair must be a naturally occurring color. Colored streaks are allowed in the hair as long as the colored area is not more than 10% of the hair color. A student's hair will be clean and cut often. No hair tails for boys are allowed. Boy's hair will be styled so that it is off the collar, out of the eyes, and at least half of the ear showing. Sideburns are allowed, if they are neatly trimmed and not longer than the bottom of the ear. Male students are not allowed to wear their hair in a ponytail or bun of any type.

20. Footwear of any kind that may cause disruption or pose a health/safety hazard. Shoes must be worn. Taps, metal plates, cleats, or wheels on shoes will not be permitted. Tennis shoes must be worn in physical education class.

21. Costume eye contacts

22. Any disruptive or distracting mode of clothing or appearance that adversely impacts the educational process is not acceptable.

23. Garments must allow for participation in all regular school activities while maintaining dignity and modesty

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.