

Dress and Grooming

Crawford Independent School District's school dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions, and minimize safety hazards. In addition, our dress code is developed to reflect the pride and responsibility we have in representing our school, families, and community. While some trends and fashions are acceptable outside the school environment, Crawford ISD has adopted a dress and grooming code that is suitable for the formal secondary school setting.

The dress code policy is in effect for students in 6th – 12th grade. Students are expected to dress in a manner that preserves modesty, displays neatness, does not cause distraction, and avoids safety hazards. Any extremes in clothing, hair, cosmetics, jewelry, accessories, or appearance that is a distraction or disruption to the normal operations of the school day will not be permitted.

Due to constantly changing fashions and fads, it is impossible to foresee all clothing alternatives or options. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to determine acceptability regarding items of dress that may or may not be addressed in this handbook. The final authority to interpret and enforce the dress code rests with the school's administration.

The following dress code was approved by the Crawford School Board. The dress code applies to regular campus attendance as well as any school or athletic events. Crawford ISD reserves the right to monitor dress code at all school-related activities and may request that a student change clothing or leave the school event if the clothing is considered inappropriate.

Administrators, sponsors, and coaches may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in extracurricular activities or other school-related activities.

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Shirts

- Shirt necklines must be at the collarbone
- Shirts must fully cover the back
- Boys' shirts must have sleeves
- Girls' shirts with or without sleeves must be palm width at the shoulder
- The cut of the sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments or be otherwise immodest
- Shirts must cover the midriff area when arms are stretched over the head
- Shirts must not have cut-out areas
- Shirts should fit appropriately
- Sheer, transparent, lace, or see-through shirts are not allowed unless worn over a shirt that is within the dress code
- Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, camisoles, or strapless shirts are not allowed

Pants/Shorts

- Pants, jeans, and shorts must be appropriately sized and fit securely at the waist
- Pants, jeans, and shorts must have a regular waistband and zipper or buttons

- Sagging pants, jeans, or shorts are not permissible
- Pants, jeans, or shorts must be hemmed
- Frayed areas or holes are not permitted
- Distressed areas must be minimal
- Patched holes or frays (with fabric, tape, staples, etc) are not permitted
- Sweat pants, athletic shorts, yoga pants, or pajama bottoms are not allowed
- Wind pants are allowed on Fridays only, they must be loose fitting.
- Clothing with phrasing on the buttock area is not permitted
- Shorts should not be shorter than four inches above the kneecap
- Measurement of short length will be made by placing the ruler resting on the top of the kneecap, with the waistband at the waist and with the student standing upright

Dresses/Skirts

- Dresses or skirts may be worn if the length is at least to the top of the kneecap in the front and back when standing upright
- Slits may not extend above the knee
- Dresses must meet all shirt guidelines

Undergarments

- Proper undergarments must be worn
- Undergarments must not be visible

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times
- House shoes are not permitted

Accessories

- Hats, caps, or head coverings are not to be worn or carried into the school building
- Hoods may not be worn in the school building
- Sweatbands and bandanas are not permitted
- Caps worn outside the building to a school event must be worn with the bill of the cap facing forward
- Accessories are appropriate if discreet and non-distracting
- Ear lobe piercing is acceptable for female students only
- Visible body or facial piercings are not permitted
- Spacers are not allowed in visible piercings
- Visible piercings may not be covered with bandages, tape, or similar material
- Visible tattoos (permanent or temporary), body art, and ink markings are not permitted
- Cosmetic contact lenses with unnatural colors or patterns are not permitted
- Pocket chains, waist chains, or gloves are not permitted

Hair/Makeup

- Hair must be neat, clean, and well-groomed
- Unnatural or multicolored hair coloring is not permitted
- Males must be clean-shaven
- The length of the hair of male students must be above the eyebrow when combed straight down and at or above the top of the collar of a standard shirt collar. Hair must not be excessively full on the sides, top, or in the back. The hair may not extend or cover over one-half of the ear.
- Sideburns must not extend past the earlobe nor should they extend forward on the face.
- Mohawks, rattails, dreadlocks, patterns or shavings, spiked hair, or similar styles are not permitted
- Feathers, picks, combs, beads, clip-on braids, or similar accessories may not be worn in the hair
- Males may not wear makeup, nail polish, or have hair coloring
- Females may not wear extreme makeup (ex. Gothic, bold colors, excessive application)

Miscellaneous

- Clothing made of fabric that is revealing because of tightness or thinness (ex. spandex, tight jersey, mesh, loose knit, very thin fabric) is not permitted
- Clothing or accessories exhibiting directly or indirectly implied or suggestive words, phrases, or pictures are not permitted

Clothing or accessories exhibiting tobacco, alcohol, drugs, guns, ammunition, or other prohibited or inappropriate items are not permitted.

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.