



DILLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DRESS AND GROOMING

Research has indicated that student behavior is influenced by student dress and grooming. Consequently, student grooming is the proper concern of school administrators and teachers. In order to help insure proper and acceptable behavior on the part of the student, it becomes necessary to establish certain guidelines to aid parents and students in selecting the proper attire for school wear.

School staff recognizes that parents bear the primary responsibility for setting standards for their children's dress and grooming. However, because of health and safety factors, because of the influence of dress and grooming on students' attitude and behavior, and because of the need to prevent disruptive influences and preserve the academic environment of the school, student dress and grooming are proper concerns of teachers and administrators.

Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee and cannot be appealed. To aid students and their parents in making decisions about appropriate dress and grooming for schools, the following guidelines are established.

GUIDELINES

1. Shorts may be worn. In grades three through twelve, they should be no more than four inches above the top of the kneecap.
2. In grades three through twelve, skirts, dresses, and culottes must be no more than four inches above the top of the kneecap. There should not be a cut or slit in the clothing that extends beyond the four inch limit.
3. Appropriate footwear must be worn. Flip flops, house shoes, and the like are not considered appropriate for school.
4. Hair must be neat and clean. Hair must be kept out of the face, and boys' hair must not be longer than the collar of a t-shirt. Unconventionally cut, colored, or styled hair is not permitted. Boys must be cleanshaven.
5. Headwear (hats, caps, etc.) must not be worn in buildings.

6. Any clothes that are suggestive or indecent or which cause distraction are not acceptable. Specifically, oversized clothing, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs, and see-through garments are not permitted.
7. Indecent/inappropriate patches, writings, or drawings on clothing are prohibited.
8. All pants are to be worn at the waist (no "sagging" or "bagging"). Tight fitting pants (e.g., tights, Spandex, bicycle pants) are also prohibited. Cut-offs and intentionally frayed pants are also prohibited.
9. Body piercing jewelry is prohibited. Traditional jewelry only is acceptable. Earrings are allowed for female students only. All tattoos must be covered.
10. **GANG PROHIBITION:** Students are prohibited from gang involvement or gang activities while at school, at any school facility, at any school-sponsored activity, or on a school bus. Gang activities and gang involvement are described as but not limited to the following:

Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in a gang that demonstrates delinquent, anti-social, or dangerous behavior.



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Pick-Up & Drop-Off Procedures for 2013-2014

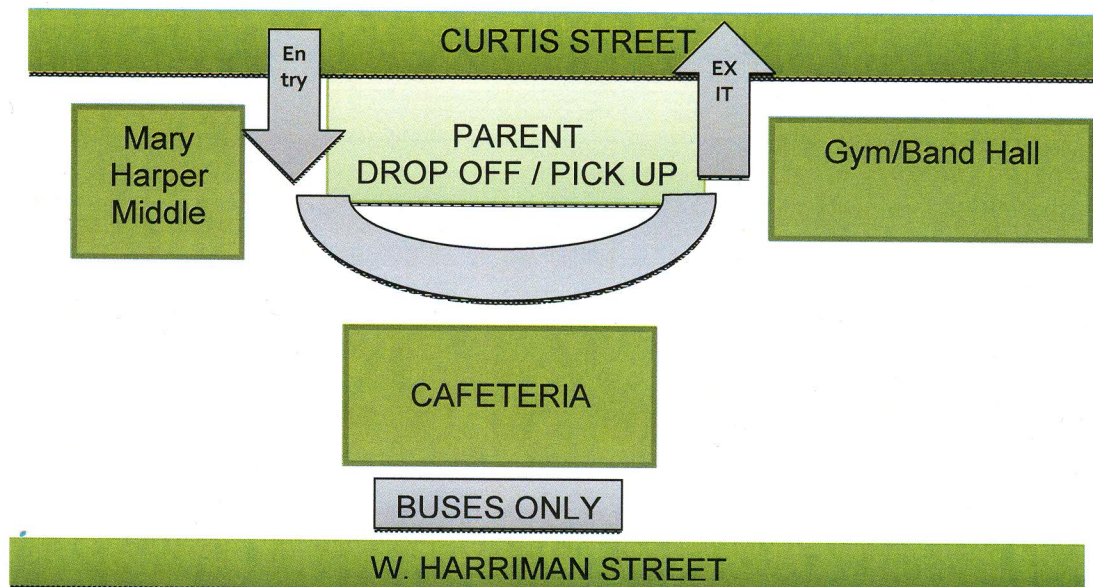
For the safety and security of all students in Dilley ISD, new procedures for drop-off and pick-up have been established. Please review carefully.

All buses will drop-off and pick-up students in back of the cafeteria on W. Harriman Street.

The parent drop-off and pick-up is located in the large parking lot on Curtis Street in between the middle school and the gym. The entry and exit will be clearly marked. A designated lane will be clearly defined.

All other parking lots are reserved for staff parking.

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7 AM until 7:45 AM. Our first bell rings at 7:45 AM.



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