



## Alvin ISD Dress and Grooming Standards

### Dress Code

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#### **DRESS CODE OBJECTIVES:**

- Teach grooming and hygiene.
- Instill discipline and modesty.
- Prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards.
- Provide a successful learning environment.
- Show that appropriate dress and grooming standards promote responsibility and self-esteem.
- Prepare students for their present and future endeavors.

#### **COMMUNITY STANDARDS:**

- This document was drafted by a committee of parents, teachers, administrators, and students from every part of the district who reached consensus on its contents.
- It has been reviewed by the district administration and the elected board of trustees.

#### **ENFORCEMENT AND APPLICABILITY:**

- The provisions for the dress and grooming code will be enforced equally for all students to the best of the ability of staff, teachers and administrators.
- If a student is not in compliance with the dress code they may be referred to a campus administrator for corrective action.
- For minor infractions students may receive a warning and be asked to make appropriate corrections in a reasonable time period.
- Every effort will be made to keep students in class, however, repeated offenses may result in progressive disciplinary action as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.
- Elective, co- or extra-curricular programs may require dress and grooming standards in addition to this document.
- This policy applies to any student while attending a school sponsored or school related activity on or off of school property.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR JUDGMENT/DISCRETION:**

- If, in the judgment of the campus administration, the student's dress and grooming does not comply with the spirit and intent of this policy, the student

will be asked to change or correct the issue as soon as possible, or may receive progressive disciplinary measures in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

- Parents play an important role in maintaining our schools as places of learning and will be notified of infractions and corrective action.

## **SPECIFIC GUIDELINES:**

### Personal Hygiene:

- Students will come to school clean, neat and free of odor.
- Basic personal hygiene (teeth brushed, hair groomed, and clothes neat and clean) will be observed.
- Appropriate undergarments will be worn at all times and not visible.
- Cologne/perfume/scents will be used sparingly in consideration of other students.

### Clothing Fit:

- Any article of clothing must be fitted correctly being neither too tight nor too loose (baggy).
- Must not impede the student's participation in daily school activities.
- Will not interfere with actions and instructions during a drill or actual school emergency situation.

### Clothing Choices:

- Clothing should be in good repair.
- No clothing that has been ripped, torn, pinned, sewn, or cut in a way as to reveal undergarments, midriff, skin more than three inches above the knee or the chest area will be allowed.
- Sheer or see-through clothing is prohibited.
- Sleepwear (pajamas) is not allowed except for campus-designated days but must still comply with the policies in this document.
- Will not contain emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a material or substantial disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.

Bottoms: (Pants, jeans, shorts, overalls, jumpers, sweat pants, slacks, athletic pants/shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, etc.)

- Will be worn at the natural waistline and not shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Frays or holes will not expose skin more than three inches above the knee.
- Shorts must be hemmed, no cut-offs and be worn no shorter than three inches above the knee.

- Dresses will not expose skin, under garments, or the chest area through loosely fitting arm openings, low-cut necklines, backless, or spaghetti straps, and will be worn no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Tights, leggings, jeggings, spandex, yoga pants, bike shorts, and all other tightfitting bottom wear are not allowed unless covered by an over garment (ie: dress, skirt, top) that is no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Elementary students must wear shorts, leggings or cartwheel shorts underneath dresses and skirts.

Tops: (Shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, sweaters, etc.)

- Must have sleeves. No halter, tube or strapless/spaghetti strap tops.
- Will not expose skin, undergarments, open-back, the midriff or the chest area through loosely-fitting arm openings, low-cut necklines, frays, holes, or cropped shirt tails.
- Will not be tight-fitting and limiting movement.
- May be worn tucked or untucked.

Footwear:

- Shoes will be worn, and if designed to be tied, will be properly tied.
- Footwear must be worn with a heel/back strap and the heel/back strap must not be altered or removed from the heel.
- Unsafe footwear is not permitted (house shoes, slippers, shoes with wheels).
- Appropriate shoes must be worn during PE/athletics classes, as well as during lab activities, CTE, or as specified by the program requirements.

Clothing Graphics:

- Apparel with inappropriate writing, drawings, or advertisements, to include but not limited to, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, prison activities, gang activities, sexual innuendos, cultural divisiveness, and racial intolerance may not be worn.

Hair:

- Will be neat, clean, and well groomed,
- Worn in a style and color that is not distracting or impedes school activities or is unsafe depending on the learning environment.
- Hair will be of a natural color. Colors will not be extreme. (No pink, orange, blue, green, purple, etc.).
- Extreme hairstyles (e.g.: mohawks, spikes, rollers, etc.) will not be allowed.
- Mustaches, beards, or goatees will be neat, clean, and well-groomed / trimmed, and worn in a style that is not distracting.

Tattoos:

- Permanent or temporary tattoos must not be visible.

### Accessories/Other:

- Students may wear a maximum of two earrings in each ear.
- Over-sized earrings, loops, bars, gauges, or spacers are not allowed.
- Other body piercing jewelry and/or accessories will not be visible.
- Heavy chains, leather collars or accessories with spikes or studs will not be allowed.
- Any accessory that may cause injury will be prohibited.
- Sunglasses or sunshades are not allowed indoors.
- Bandanas will not be allowed except for campus-designated days.

### Face Coverings/Masks

- The use of face coverings will reflect the rate of community transmission of COVID-19, and the health recommendations associated with each level. (see campus administrator for current requirements)
- Will not contain emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a material or substantial disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations.

### Makeup:

- Extreme makeup will not be allowed. This includes any application of makeup that alters the reasonable recognition of the student by campus staff or causes a disruption of the learning environment.

### Headwear:

- Headwear will not be allowed inside of buildings. (Excluding hair bows, bands, etc.)
- An exception will be made for religious headwear.

### Outerwear:

- In cold weather, jackets or coats may be worn to school and in the building.
- Trench, duster or similar styled coats are not allowed.
- No oversized jackets, vests, sweaters, or sweatshirts may be worn.
- Jackets and coats should be worn appropriate to the current climate conditions.
- Tops must be worn under outerwear.
- Blankets are not an acceptable substitute for outerwear.

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