

## **DRESS AND GROOMING**

**DRESS AND GROOMING:** The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline and modesty, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a successful learning environment. Appropriate dress and grooming standards promote responsibility and self-esteem, fostering a sense of community for students in their present and future interactions.

The provisions for the dress and grooming code shall be enforced equally for all students. If a student is not in compliance with the standardized dress code, he or she will be asked to make appropriate corrections. Repeated offenses may result in disciplinary action as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.

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

### **Clothing**

**Any item of apparel or grooming issue that creates a problem on the campus may be cause for disciplinary action. If need arises, this dress code is subject to change with appropriate notification.**

Consequences for violations of the dress code will be outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. The dress and grooming code applies to any student while attending a school sponsored or school related activity on or off of school property.

Students are required to be in compliance with the dress code on the first day of school. New students to the district must be in compliance within 2 weeks after their enrollment. The standard of dress will be as follows:

### **A. I. S. D. Dress and Grooming Standards**

**Alvin ISD sets as standards the following expectations:**

- Students should come to school bathed and free of body odor.
- Clothing should be washed and cleaned.
- Hair should be neat and clean.
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn and not visible.

### **GROOMING Hair**

- Hair should be of a natural color. Colors should not be extreme. (No pink, orange, green, etc.)
- Extreme hair styles such as carvings, mohawks, spikes, etc. will not be allowed.
- Boys may wear their hair not to exceed a length touching the top of the shoulders.
- Mustaches, beards, or goatees will not be allowed.

- Sideburns will not extend past the bottom of the earlobe.
- Eyebrows will not be carved/notched.
- Tattoos must be covered.

### **Accessories**

- Boys will not be allowed to wear earrings. Earrings may NOT be covered.
- Girls may wear a maximum of two earrings in each ear.
- Body piercing jewelry and/or accessories will not be allowed.
- Heavy chains or accessories with spikes or studs will not be allowed.
- Any accessory that may cause injury will be prohibited. **Make-Up**
- Extreme make-up will not be allowed (such as black lipstick, black eye shadow, black nail polish, etc.)
- Boys may not wear make-up.

### **Headwear**

- Caps and hats will be allowed outside the buildings if worn appropriately and for the intended purposes.
- Bandanas will not be allowed.
- Sunglasses or sunshades are not to be worn in the building.

### **Shirts**

Shirts may be worn tucked or untucked. They must be appropriately sized. No tight fitting or oversized garments are allowed.

Four types of shirts may be worn:

- A solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* polo-style, collared shirt.
- A solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* turtleneck or mock turtleneck.
- A solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* button-front dress shirt or blouse with a collar.

**\*Appropriate patterns include, but are not limited to, stripes, plaids, polkadots or repetitive prints (excluding printed words and phrases)**

- A school spirit shirt that has been approved by the school administration.
- A school appropriate college shirt.
- All shirts must have sleeves.

Logos or insignias on the shirt or shirt pocket are allowed. Shirts and blouses may have short or long sleeves and must be buttoned. Sleeveless shirts may not be worn. Halters, strapless garments, tank tops, mesh/see-through tops and clothes that expose the midriff or back will not be allowed. All shirts/blouses must be long enough to completely

cover the midriff at all times. If the shirt is too short to be tucked in, it does not meet dress code requirements.

All spirit shirts must be approved each year by the principal prior to going on sale to the student population.

### **Pants, Dresses, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts, Jumpers, Bib Overalls**

The general requirements for all pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers and bib overalls are as follows:

- **Color** – any solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* slacks and shorts will be allowed.
- Any solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* jeans may be worn. Jeans must be appropriately sized, fitting at the waist; no holes or frays allowed.
- Any solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* jean shorts may be worn. Shorts must be appropriately sized, fitting at the waist; no holes or frays allowed.
- Solid colored or school appropriate patterned \* dresses, skorts, skirts and jumpers may be worn. Dresses, skorts, skirts and jumpers must be appropriately sized and must be worn no shorter than slightly above the knee. Dresses must have sleeves or a shirt or jacket with sleeves must be worn with the dress. Dresses are not required to have a collar but the neckline of the dress must be school appropriate.
- Tights/leggings of any school appropriate pattern, may be worn under a school dress code regulation length skirt, dress, skorts or shorts.
- No athletic shorts, skirts, dresses or pants.
- **Size** - No oversized items. Baggy, saggy garments will not be acceptable. Pants, skorts, skirts or shorts must be worn at the waist. Tight-fitting slacks, skirts, skinny jeans, skorts, or shorts are not acceptable.
- **Belts** - For 2nd grade and up, belts must be worn with any garment that has belt loops when shirts are tucked in.
- **Hems** - May not be frayed or cut. Pants cut on the inseam must be hemmed. Hems of shorts, skorts, culottes, skirts, or dresses will be no shorter than slightly above of the kneecap.
- For the primary and elementary level, no short shorts or short skirts will be allowed (the standard will be slightly above the knee or longer).
- No sweat pants, wind pants, leather or spandex of any color are allowed.
- Pants or shorts with oversized pockets are not acceptable.

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## Shoes – Footwear

**Primary/Elementary** – Backless shoes, flip-flops/thongs, or shoes with wheels may not be worn to school. (These shoes are not allowed due to safety concerns.) Students must wear shoes with socks or tights. Only sandals may be worn without socks or tights. (Socks/tights may be any solid color. Shoes may not have a heel of more than 1 1/2 inches high. Shoes will be tied or secured properly).

## Shoes – Footwear for Secondary Students

- Shoes should be comfortable for walking or general exercise. No flip flops, thongs, wheeled shoes (such as heels, roller blades, roller skates, etc.) or shower shoes will be allowed.
- For school purposes a flip-flop/thong is defined as any footwear that has a strap that goes between the toes and has no heel strap regardless of the height of the shoe or the material it is made of. Makeshift or added heel straps are not acceptable on shoes.
- Shower shoes are not acceptable and are defined as rubber, plastic, or vinyl shoes that have a strap or band that goes over the top of the foot.
- Shoes must be properly laced or fastened. **Jackets, Sweaters, Vests, Sweatshirts**
- In cold weather, jackets or coats may be worn to school. Coats may be worn in the building. Trench coats are not allowed.
- Solid colored vests, sweatshirts, hoodies, and sweaters in any solid color may be worn over a school-approved, collared shirt.
- Sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, and pull-over hoodies must be a solid color. Only a maximum of a 2 inch insignia may be on a sweater, vest, sweatshirt or hoodie.
- No oversized jackets, vests, sweaters, or sweatshirts may be worn. Oversized shirts are not considered jackets.
- Jackets and coats should be worn as appropriate to the environment.