

Stephenville HS

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

- No abbreviated clothing that reveals the midriff area, chest (i.e. low cut blouses that reveal cleavage), back (i.e., backless tops and dresses), sides, or thighs. No fishnet Clothing. No holes will be allowed above the finger tips. Unhemmed clothing is allowable, as long as no loose strings extend over 0.25 inch below the intact fabric. Transparent or sheer clothing can only be worn over existing clothing that meets dress code regulation (i.e. garments under transparent clothing must be two inches on the shoulders, shorts must be fingertip length).
 - Shirts shall be buttoned appropriately, and belts shall be buckled. Boys' shirts shall have sleeves.
 - Shoulder straps on female apparel must be at least 2.0 inches wide for one garment and must cover undergarment straps.
 - No clothing should be worn so as to reveal underclothing of any type.
 - Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times. Only natural hair colors are allowed.
 - Boys' hair shall be out of the eyes, no lower than the bottom of the earlobe on the sides, and no lower than the base of the neck in the back. Building administration retains the privilege to determine appropriate hairstyles (i.e., fads). For example, boys shall not wear ponytails, mohawks, or shaven geometric designs. Notwithstanding, "out of the eyes" is determined by where the hair naturally falls when unobstructed by any factor, such as hair gel, sweatbands, and hats.
 - Students shall be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches, goatees, long sideburns, or beards are not permitted. Sideburns must be above the bottom of the earlobe and cannot exceed 1 inch wide.
 - Skirt length or split skirt length shall be determined by what is appropriate for sitting and standing. A general rule will be that a skirt must be longer than the tips of the fingers with the arms extended to side (fingertip rule). Exceptions to this rule occur for the dress modes of extracurricular activities that traditionally have uniforms that are shorter than the fingertip rule.
 - Shorts must meet the fingertip rule when standing or sitting. A general rule will be that shorts must be longer than the tips of the fingers with the arms extended to side (fingertip rule). Tights worn in place of appropriate shorts or trousers are not permitted.
 - Prohibited are pictures, emblems, clothing, or writing on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene; depict the occult; promote violence; represent gang membership; advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, bars/liquor stores, or any other substance prohibited under school policy; or exhibit innuendo to any of the above areas (i.e., "Hooters" apparel, bandanas).
 - Pajamas or any clothing designed for sleep is not allowed.
 - Students will not be permitted to go barefoot. House shoes/slippers and shoes with wheels on the bottom will not be permitted.
 - Hats, caps, scarves, or any head covering shall not be worn in the building. No gloves are

allowed.

- Boys shall not wear ear jewelry or items in the ear, including any type of spacer.
- Tongue, nose, eyebrow (facial jewelry), grills, and navel rings or studs (including any spacer) are not permitted by any student on school campus or during school related activities. Girls may not wear more than 2 earrings in one ear.
- Tinted glasses are not to be worn in school unless medically prescribed for sensitive eyes.
- Students who engage in elective extracurricular activities such as chorus, band, athletics, etc., shall comply with the requirements as to dress and grooming as required by the directors of such activities.
- No exposed tattoos.
- Pants such as “oversized flairs” will not be allowed. Shorts and pants must be worn at the waist. Bagging and sagging are prohibited.
- No exposed chains will be allowed.

We take pride in Stephenville ISD and its traditions. One of the most important ways of doing this is for each one of us to reflect careful and consistent personal habits and appearance each day. We seek to avoid the fads that are not in keeping with good grooming. In addition, hairstyles and certain manners of dress that might present a danger to the student’s health and safety, cause an interference with school work, or create a classroom or school disruption, will not be tolerated. The dress code is in effect at all school events and at any time students are on school property. The building administration determines if a student’s dress violates the dress code and/or could create a disruption to the normal routine of school.

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.

The campus administration has the authority to make the final decision concerning fads, appropriate school attire, and to ensure compliance with the dress and grooming policy.