

**ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

Date: July 19, 2021

Subject: Discuss and Consider Approval of Student Dress Code for the 2021-2022 school year.

Administrator Responsible: Diana L. Silvas

Position: Deputy Superintendent

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

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Information Only

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Action Needed

B. Authority for this Action:

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Local Policy _____

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Law or Rule _____

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

D. Summary:

E. Alternatives Considered:

F. Comments Received:

G. Administrative Recommendation: That the board approve the recommendation for the Student Dress Code for PK- 8th Grade and 9th - 12th Grade for the 2021-2022 school year.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED 2021-2022

STUDENT DRESS CODE GRADES PK-8

Adopted by RISD Board of Trustees:

STUDENTS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

All students attending Robstown ISD schools will be required to wear the following:

Tops

- Any shirt or blouse as long as it is not revealing or promotes anything deemed inappropriate or offensive.
- Spirit/Club/Organization/Athletic shirts may be worn on any day. Shirts must be worn below natural waist.
- Shirts may be worn untucked provided they are not longer than the split of the pants. **Longer shirts must be tucked inside the pants.**
- Midriff must not be visible when hands are raised above the head.
- Any undershirts may be worn under a student's shirt.

Bottoms

- **Any solid-colored pants or jeans**, walking shorts, skirts, skorts or capris may be worn. **Jeans must be free from rips, tears and holes.**
- **Pants and shorts must be worn on the waist and are not to sag or fit baggy.**
- Clothing may not be more than 2 inches above the knee.

Jackets

- Parents/students are expected to use good judgement when choosing appropriate winter outerwear.
- Hoods **may are** not to be worn inside the school building or classroom. Hoodies/jackets must be free from emblems or images that may be controversial or inappropriate for an educational setting.
- Clothes shall be worn to the appropriate size for each student.
- Appropriate undergarments shall be worn at all times and not be visible.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. **Students in Pre-K-Grade 8 must wear closed shoes (cover toes and heels).**
- Students' hair shall be clean, neat and well-groomed in appearance. **Length of hair cannot exceed shirt collar (for males).**
- Hats and caps are prohibited, except on designated days approved by the campus principal.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

- **V-neck shirts**
- **Tight or revealing clothing**
- Visible body, face or tongue piercing excluding ears
- Rosary beads worn outside the shirt or blouse
- Bandanas and towels
- Facial hair
- Students' hairstyles which represent extremes that may disrupt or distract from instruction. **For students in Pre-K-Grade 8, hairstyles considered disruptive include mohawks, spikes, unusual colors/streaks. Ponytails or rat tails on males.**
- Shaved or notched eyebrows. Shaved hair designs.
- Leggings are not considered pants. Must be worn under dress or skirts.
- Sunglasses unless they are prescribed by a physician
- Chains on wallets
- Distracting cosmetic contact lenses
- Trench style coats
- Any spiked accessories
- **Earrings on males**
- Earphones, headphones or cellphones at all during instructional day unless used for instructional purposes with given permission

The entire staff will enforce the dress code. Students in violation will be sent to the office (**RISD reserves the right to exclude any items of clothing or jewelry deemed distracting and/or dangerous to the educational process**).

- The principal or designee has the authority to require belts when necessary.
- Tattoos must be concealed at all times.
- The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in an extracurricular activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subjected to further disciplinary action. (Students must adhere to the rules and constitutions of the extracurricular activity).
- Students assigned to DAEP (Disciplinary Alternative Education Program) may have specific dress code guidelines not addressed above.

Dress Code Violation Consequences

1. Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will have an opportunity to correct the problem or call their parents.
2. The student will be placed in ISS.
3. Persistent and defiant violations of the dress code will result in an out of school suspension and/or DAEP placement.

THE SUPERINTENDENT/SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE/PRINCIPAL/ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE A RULING ON ANY CONTROVERSIAL DRESS CODE ISSUE IN QUESTION.

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Shirts

- Color: Any Color
- Spirit/Club/Organization/Athletics shirts may be worn on any day.
- Style: **Polo Shirts, Oxford, "Spirit" Shirts** (shirts that promote pride in any Robstown ISD campus or school sanctioned curricular or extracurricular activity), and any **colored crew-neck Any blouse shirt or T-shirt** may be worn as long as they are not see-through, sleeveless, cut-offs, midribs, or advertise offensive or prohibited messages. Solid white T-shirts are not allowed.
- Fit: Shirts must be a standard or classic fit.

Pants

- Any style of pants or jeans are allowed.
- Style and Color: "Dockers" style pants in all colors are allowed. Solid colored denim jeans; must be classic cut or straight-legged and must not have holes. Capri, crop or "pedal pusher" type pants (below the knee) will be allowed.
- **No tears or small rips above the knee will be allowed.**
- Cargo Shorts are allowed. **Shorts must be one inch above the knee.**
- Warmups, wind pants, sweat pants are allowed as long as they are not revealing or promote anything deemed inappropriate or offensive.
- **NO** leggings, tights, pajama pants, **athletic shorts**, yoga pants or work-out pants allowed.
- Fit: Must fit properly around the waist, must be appropriately sized. Oversized or overlong baggy jeans, cargo pants (pants with pant legs that totally cover or hide the shoes) are inappropriate.
- **Pants worn below the waist "sagging" garments are not acceptable allowed.**

Sweaters/Vests

- Color: Any Color
- Must be appropriately sized
- Must be worn over T-shirt, oxford shirt, or polo style shirt

Turtle Necks

- Color: Any Color
- Must be appropriately sized
- Must be worn under T-shirt, oxford shirt, or polo style shirt

Jackets

- Color: Any Color
- Must be appropriately sized
- Logos, designs, or lettering that is considered lewd, offensive, vulgar, and obscene OR advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL) will not be allowed.
- Note: RECHS Letterman Jackets are permitted

Footwear

- **Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.**

The following are prohibited: flip flops, sliders, house shoes, beach sandals, or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them, and footwear that has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastic, or similar materials.

Hair

- Hair must be clean and well-groomed at all times and kept out of the eyes. **Hair should not fall below a shirt collar.** Hairstyles that are extreme or disruptive, as determined by administration, will not be tolerated. Hair must be of natural color (black, brown, blonde, dark red).
- **Non-natural colored hair such as green, blue, purple, orange, cherry red, white, etc. or any other combination of colors that appear unnatural or distracting will not be allowed.**
- **Distracting hair styles such as excessively "spiked" hair or shaved designs with logos, mohawks, dreadlocks, rattails, etc. are not allowed. An exception to this requirement must be substantiated with a letter signed by clergy (and verified by administration) that the request is due to religious purposes.**
- Facial hair will be allowed as long as it is kept short and neatly groomed.

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Accessories

- Inappropriate tattoos must be covered
- ~~Single stud earrings only on the ear lobe will be allowed for males.~~

NOT ALLOWED

- Solid white T-shirts are not allowed, gang related attire—clothing apparel that is associated with gangs such as long belts, colored shoelaces, colored handkerchiefs, and other items.
- NO article of clothing or other accessories shall be worn in such a way as to advertise, promote, or be associated with sex, violence, alcohol, drugs, death, hate slogans, or gang activities or pictures (as defined under FNCF-LEGAL). Any inappropriate worn, torn, or mode of clothing that is disruptive is prohibited. (e.g. tops or pants that are too tight, holes/slits on pants, etc.)
- Body piercing jewelry—eyebrow rings, nose rings, lip rings or any other areas except for the ear, including ear gauging (holes in the ears) is not allowed.
- Heavy or spiked jewelry such as dog collars, large medallions or heavy chains are not allowed
- Trench coats or “dusters” are not allowed
- Chains on clothing or wallets are not allowed
- Hats, caps, sunglasses, extreme styles of contact lenses, teeth grills, bandanas, skull caps, or long-handled combs worn in the hair are not to be worn inside the building.
- Undergarments should not be visible
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