

Stephenville Independent School District
Student Dress Code
2021-2022

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The dress code is in effect at all school events and at any time students are on school property. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgement may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. 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.

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.

General Dress Code: Clothing

- The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, advertise or depict the occult; promote violence, represent gang membership, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy. (i.e., "Hooters apparel, bandanas")
- Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately sized. No skin shall be visible between the shirt/top and pants, shorts, or skirt while standing, sitting, or bending. Sleeveless garments must have a standard size arm hole and undergarments must not be visible.
 - Low cut shirts, tops, dresses, and blouses are not allowed.
 - No halter tops, crop tops, backless tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless tops are allowed.
- Shirts should be buttoned appropriately, and belts should be buckled.
- Transparent or sheer clothing can only be worn over existing clothing that meets dress code regulation.
 - Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must be concealed by outer garments.
 - No fishnet clothing
- Dress or Skirt length (including slit dresses) will 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 the 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 on all sides 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 the side (fingertip rule). Tights, leggings, yoga

pants or any similar articles worn underneath appropriate shorts or trousers are permitted with an appropriate top.

- Pajamas or similar clothing may not be worn.
- No holes above the fingertips are allowed in pants/jeans unless undergarments are worn. No exposed skin above finger tips.
- Pants or shorts shall be appropriately sized and securely fitting at the waist. Bagging and sagging are not allowed.

Shoes/Hats:

- Footwear must be worn. House shoes, slippers, and shoes with wheels on the bottom are not permitted.
- Caps, hats, or other headwear (including hoods from hoodies) shall not be worn in the school. No gloves are allowed.

Grooming:

- Students' hair must be clean, groomed, and not cover the eyes.

a. No designs or symbols may be cut in the hair.

b. Hair color must be a natural color.

c. Mohawks or other similar styles are not permitted.

- No facial hair will be allowed. Students shall be clean-shaven at all times. Sideburns may not come below the bottom of the ear and may not be wide-flaired.

Jewelry/Accessories:

- Tongue, nose, eyebrow (facial jewelry), grills, and navel rings or studs (including any spacer) are not permitted by any student on school campus or school related activities. Girls may not wear more than two earrings. Boys are not permitted to wear ear jewelry or items in the ear, including any type of spacer.
- No exposed chains will be allowed.
- Tinted glasses are not to be worn in school unless medically prescribed for sensitive eyes.
- Students should have no visible tattoos.
- All students are expected to wear clothing and undergarments in accordance with their gender.

DRESS CODE EXCEPTIONS:

1. The principal may make exceptions to the dress code for special events, such as spirit days, field days, etc.
2. 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 the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.