

DRESS AND GROOMING

Standardized Dress and Grooming

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 come to school looking clean and neat, wearing clothing that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF(L) and prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with normal school operations. A student whose clothing violates the dress code shall not be allowed to return to class until the dress code violation is corrected.

The dress code applies anytime a student is on campus during a normal school day and anytime a student is involved in an event or extra-curricular activity that represents Cuero ISD. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate disciplinary procedures shall be followed in all cases.

The following requirements are set forth to govern the grooming and appearance standards for the district, however, school administrators reserve the right to make judgment calls concerning the appropriateness of dress and grooming when necessary.

All Students-All Grade Levels

- **Shirts**

Buttoned, solid color oxford (western-style permissible) or polo shirts/blouses will be worn. All shirts will be free of words and/or pictures, etc. Logos (Izod, Polo, Dockers, etc.) may not be any larger than 1-inch square. All shirt buttons, except the collar button, must be buttoned at all times. All shirts will have a collar and sleeves.

An approved, Cuero Gobbler, school-spirit shirt (including t-shirts) may be worn on any day of the week. The original construction of the Cuero Gobbler, school-spirit shirt cannot be modified or altered.

- **Bottoms**

Male students shall wear either pants or shorts.

Female students will be allowed to wear pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts.

Allowable colors will be khaki (tan), *navy* blue or black. Jeans are acceptable.

All bottoms must fit appropriately at the waist, be neatly hemmed, and be free of oversized logos and words. Company logos on back pockets are permitted. Pants with holes/tears may not be worn. Pants, trousers, or slacks shall not be overly tight, baggy, and/or low riding. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be hemmed and not frayed by the manufacturer. Minimal fraying in the back of the pants due to the natural wear and tear from boots and shoes is acceptable; however, the fraying must be trimmed to the pant hem. Nylon, athletic, or wind pants are not acceptable. Boxer or spandex shorts are not acceptable as outer wear.

- **Coats, Sweaters, Sweat Shirts, and Jackets, (including hooded):**

Coats, sweaters, sweat shirts, and/or jackets may be worn over regular daily dress code clothing and will not be limited in color or wording other than a restriction of offensive words or logos; or, words or logos that promote or advertise alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or illegal affiliations. School administrators reserve the right to make judgment calls concerning restriction of out garments.

- **Miscellaneous**

1. Belts must be worn on any pants, shorts, skirts, etc. that have belt loops in grades 4-12.
2. Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands, or any distracting headwear will not be permitted inside district school buildings at any time and on District property during the normal school day. (Exceptions made for school related activities).
3. Distracting neckwear is prohibited.
4. Taps on shoes and roller-wheeled shoes are not permitted.
5. Hair codes for male and female students will not be distracting, such as unusual designs, dyes, cut, or lines. All hair dyes must be a natural color. Dreadlocks will not be allowed. Administrators have the right to determine and define distracting.
6. No distracting piercing or other distracting materials (nose, eyebrow, lips, tongue, naval, mouth grillz, etc.) are allowed. Administrators have the right to determine and define distracting.
7. See through clothing is not permitted.
8. Grades 7-12: All student footwear must have either a closed toe or a closed heel. House shoes, distracting, or unsafe shoes are not permitted. Principal's discretion is final. Elementary and intermediate students must follow the elementary/intermediate shoe rules.
9. Tattoos are discouraged.
10. No trench coats will be allowed.

- **Female Students**

1. All shirt buttons, except the collar button, must be buttoned at all times.
2. Skirts, sweaters, shorts, and pant-type clothing must be no shorter than fingertip length.
3. Skirts should be long enough to be in good taste and appropriate for the school setting. Decency when sitting shall be a prime factor in determining the appropriateness for the school setting.
4. Capri pants with slits are permitted.
5. Modest necklines are required for both the front and back of garments.
6. Proper undergarments and/or foundation garments must be worn. If more than one shirt is worn, then all shirts but the outer shirt must be tucked in.

7. See-through shirts that allow the display of undergarments must not be worn.
8. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff. NO BARE MIDRIFFS. Shirts that extend past the bottom of a normal sized back pant pocket must be tucked in.
9. Leggings may be worn and must follow the same color guidelines as pant bottoms.
10. No dresses will be allowed, only separates.

- **Male Students**

1. All shirt buttons, except the collar button, must be buttoned at all times.
2. Boys shall be clean-shaven. (No goatees, beards, mustaches, or any type of facial hair growth). Sideburns shall not extend below the ear lobe.
3. Hair must be neat and clean and cut above the eyebrow and off a t-shirt type collar (and not below the bottom of a “regular” style collar). The hair on the side may cover the ear to the bottom of the ear lobe but must be trimmed and neat. Hair length will be determined by length when pulled or combed straight down.
4. Earrings or any other piercing items may not be worn.
5. All shirts must be buttoned and tucked in, excluding shirts with elasticized waistbands and thick sweaters when not past the bottom of the back pocket. Shirts must be tucked in with the waistline or belt loops visible.

Elementary and Intermediate Campuses - Grades 4-6

1. Closed toe and closed heel tennis shoes will be worn at all times.
2. No make-up or fake, acrylic nails shall be worn.
3. Shirts must be tucked in.

Elementary and Intermediate Campuses - Grades Pre K-3

1. Closed toe and closed heel tennis shoes will be worn at all times.
2. No make-up or fake, acrylic nails shall be worn.
3. Shirts must be tucked in or overlap the waistband while standing, sitting, or bending.

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 will 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.