

Palacios ISD 2021 - 2022

Dress and Grooming

PURPOSE

The district dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. See FNCA (LOCAL)

The district prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the administrator's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. If the administrator of the campus 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 district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing or jewelry, as determined by the campus administrator, that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LOCAL).

A. *All Campuses*. The principal shall have the authority to determine whether a student is in compliance with the following standards, which shall apply to all campuses and at all school functions, and with the standards specified in this policy for each grade. The campus administrator has the authority to make an exception to the dress code on special occasions or events such as school dress up days or for specific medical reasons.

If your child comes to school wearing clothing that violates the dress code or in any other way violates the Dress and Grooming Standards, the student will be placed in ISS until the student becomes dress code compliant. If the student changes clothes or otherwise becomes dress code compliant with the PISD Dress and Grooming Standards, the student will promptly return to regular classes.

1. Strapless shirts, spaghetti straps, tanks or cut tops, mesh or see-through, or any clothing that exposes midriffs without a shirt underneath are prohibited.
2. Sleeveless shirts and blouses must be 3 inches wide, unaltered, and must have tight arm-holes so not to reveal any undergarments.
3. Shorts, dresses, and skirts are permitted if no skin above fingertip length is exposed.
4. Skin-tight clothing, biker pants, swimsuits, surf pants, dance tights, leotards, tube tops, tank tops, and wetsuits are not acceptable unless covered by clothing that conforms to other requirements of the dress code.
5. Leggings, tights, stockings, or hosiery cannot be sheer, mesh, fishnet, have holes, or have sheer inserts.
6. Appropriate shoes shall be worn. House slippers shall be prohibited. Specific classes such as Science, FCS, P.E. Ag, etc...may require students to wear appropriate closed toed footwear.
7. Sleepwear (including blankets) shall not be worn.
8. Dark glasses are not permitted in class unless approved by the campus administrator.
9. Caps, hats, and hoods shall not be worn indoors unless approved by the administrator. If a student wears a hat into a building, the hat shall be taken up and returned by the administrator. Hoodies will be treated the same as a hat.
10. Piercings permitted: ears and nose only, nasal piercing is limited to one stud, gauging not allowed.
11. Hair Must be neat, clean, well-groomed and not interfere with the learning process. Hair color must be a shade of a naturally occurring hair color and not a primary or secondary color. Students who dye their hair an unnaturally occurring hair color shall be subject to disciplinary action. Hair that impedes the ability to see a student's eyes shall not be permitted.

12. Jeans/Pants will not have holes above fingertip length. If jeans have holes above the fingertip length, students must wear tights underneath the pants. Jeans/Pants must be worn in an appropriate manner and must be worn at the waist line. Sagging jeans are not permitted. Sagging is defined as pants low enough to expose the underwear.
13. All tattoos must be covered up or taped over while on school property. For athletic events, see PISD Athletic Handbook.
14. Explicit or insinuating apparel or adornments that are disruptive to the educational process such as or related to vulgarity, alcoholic beverages, drugs, sex, weapons, or violence are prohibited.

****FOLLOW DRESS AND GROOMING (District-Wide) WITH THESE CAMPUS SPECIFIC ADDITIONS****

Central Elementary Grades (Pre-K - 2)

- Sleeveless shirts may be worn and must be two inches in width over the shoulders.
- Appropriate shoes with backs shall be worn. Thong shoes and high heels are prohibited.
- Tennis shoes are required for P.E.

East Side Intermediate (grades 3-5)

- Follow the PISD District Dress Code

Palacios Junior High (grades 6, 7, 8)

- Shoes must have a closed toe and a back

Palacios High School (grades 9-12)

- Students are permitted to wear shoes with no backs.

All Students At Extracurricular Activities. The campus administrator, 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 these standards 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.