

Zavalla Independent School District

Dress and Grooming Code

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. While we understand students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Students will not be permitted to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school. All tattoos must be covered at all times.
2. Students are not allowed to wear to school any of the following: bare midriff dresses with extreme necklines, dresses that are too short. Open and/or revealing styles, strapless blouses or dresses (string type straps are not acceptable), extremely tight pants, or spandex type garments are not allowed.
3. Girls' skirts may be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
4. Shorts will be allowed under the following conditions: Loose fitting, no holes, cuts, ravel or frays. Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee and cannot be cutoffs. Any holes present in pants or jeans must be at or below the knee.
5. Shirts will be worn at all times and must be properly buttoned. Boys' shirts must have a pronounced cap sleeve as to cover the arm pit. Girls' shirts cannot reveal any part of the undergarment. Girls' shirt sleeves must be a minimum of 3 inches wide. **Spaghetti straps are not allowed.**
6. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and completely concealed under outer clothing.
7. Boys' hair is to be worn in a moderate style. No extreme style or length will be permitted. Hair cannot extend below the collar and must not cover the eyes. Designs and off coloring in the hair are not allowed for any student. **Mohawk Hairstyles are not allowed.**

8. Sideburns are not to extend below the bottom of the ear and must be neatly trimmed.
9. Students are to be clean shaven with **no** mustaches or whiskers.
10. No caps, hats, or head coverings will be allowed at school. Uniform caps must be kept in athlete's bag or locker at all times.
11. Shoes must be worn at all times on campus, including physical education classes. House shoes (slippers) are not allowed. Flip Flops are allowed. Athletic shoes are mandatory for all P.E. classes due to safety concerns.
12. Neither males nor females will be allowed to wear facial jewelry. Earrings are prohibited for males.
13. Flannel and sleep pants are not allowed.
14. All school pictures for publication will reflect school dress code.
15. Feather hair ornaments will be allowed as long as they are not a distraction. They must be discrete. The principal will make the final determination if it is appropriate.

The principal will make decisions about dress and grooming violations.

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates our dress and grooming standards, she or he will be placed in in-school suspension until she or he is in compliance. We will make efforts to notify you as soon as possible, and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, she or he will return to regular classes immediately. If students do not have appropriate clothes to change into, the principal has the discretion of providing clean garments for them to wear the remainder of the day.