



What can my child wear to school?

2010-11 Dress Code Quick Reference Guide

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The District's dress code, at all grade levels, 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.

1. Hair styles and non-natural colors that, in the opinion of the school principal or principal's designee, cause a health or safety hazard or cause a disruption of the education process shall not be permitted. Well-kept beards and mustaches are allowed.
2. All students are expected to wear clothing and undergarments in keeping with their gender. Undergarments must not be exposed at any time.
3. Tank tops (less than 2 inches), low cut dresses, low cut blouses, blouses that are strapless, backless, or have spaghetti-type straps, are prohibited.
4. Students may wear shorts, skirts, and dresses provided they are neatly hemmed and modest in appearance. Specifically prohibited are: cutoffs (of any derivation), pajama bottoms, form-fitting/skin tight shorts of lycra, spandex, or any other similar material. The length of shorts, skirts, and dresses are as follows:
 - Elementary: No higher than fingertip length
 - Secondary: No higher than 4" from the top of the kneeAll shorts are to be without holes and not shredded.

5. Form-fitting/skin tight pants, such as leggings and tights, must be covered with a top reaching no higher than four inches above the knee for secondary students and no higher than fingertip length for elementary students.
6. No sagging. Oversized clothing shall not be worn to school or to any BISD function. Specifically, “bagging or sagging” pants or shorts are prohibited. All pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist.
7. Pants may not expose the skin above the knee and must be presentable for school. Extra long belts are prohibited. Belts must be used appropriately.
8. No hats or head coverings (i.e., scarves, bandanas, hoodies) of any kind are to be worn or brought to school unless approved by the school principal for a special occasion. Unless there is a medical justification, no sunglasses are to be worn in the building.
9. All students must wear appropriate footwear. Heelies are prohibited. Due to safety concerns during recess and P.E, elementary students are not allowed to wear flip-flops during this time.
10. Heavy full-length outerwear, such as “dusters”, trench coats, or Gothic attire, is prohibited from being worn on campus or school sponsored activities.
11. The wearing of heavy chains or spiked jewelry or “grills” is prohibited. Pierced body ornaments must be restricted to the ear and appropriate for school.
12. Tattoos (permanent or temporary) must be covered and not visible to others in the classroom.
13. The length of uniforms for spirit groups such as drill teams, cheerleaders, dance clubs, etc. shall be consistent with BISD student dress code when these uniforms are worn to class.
14. Regulations in reference to grooming and dress for each campus, are under the direction of the principal.
15. The Academy @ Carrie Francis Thomas, the Academy at West Birdville, Birdville Elementary, and Richland Middle School require the wearing of school uniforms or standardized dress for all students, as approved by the Campus Site-Based Committee.