



Terrell Independent School District

# 2021-2022 Dress Code

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**Terrell ISD**

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## DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

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The following guidelines are established as a point of reference for parents, students, and administrators in regards to dress code. All students must be clean and neatly groomed. The District's dress code is established to minimize safety hazards, to teach grooming and hygiene, and to prevent disruptions. The Dress Code is revised annually after considering feedback from students, teachers, administrators, and community members.

The Global Leadership Academy (GLA) has a different approved standard of dress.

The Board of Trustees of Terrell ISD delegates to the principal the authority to make final determinations as to whether clothing or grooming is or is not within this policy. The administration reserves the right to determine any inappropriate dress that it feels disruptive to the school environment. Parents and students are encouraged to address and resolve concerns related to the Dress and Grooming Policy at the campus level. The principal will assess and determine compliance or non-compliance with the Dress and Grooming Policy, and will assign corresponding consequences for violation of this policy.

- Hair, by color or design, may not create a distraction to the learning environment. Non-natural hair color is permitted. If designs are shaved into the hair, they must be school appropriate and may not condone or represent drugs, gangs, alcohol, profanity, violence, obscenity, or anything deemed inappropriate by campus administration.
- Students may not wear the following: tongue piercings, lip piercings, eyebrow rings, ear gauges, ear spacers, facial jewelry such as hoops or rings, or facial decorations. Students may, however, wear one small nose stud.
- Caps, hats, bandannas, do-rags, bonnets, hair rollers/curlers, and other similar hair grooming items, shall not be worn by students in the school building. If students are wearing a shirt or jacket with a hood or a hoodie, the hood must remain down off of the head.
- Students may not wear clothing that advertises, by name or symbol, any products that are not permitted in schools, including, but not limited to: drugs, alcohol, profanity, suggestive slogans or visuals, tobacco, vaping, obscenity, violence, or gangs.
- Students may wear shorts/skorts of appropriate length, or skirts of an appropriate length (at or about mid-thigh or longer) when fitted at the natural waistline. Should jeans/pants have frays, rips, or tears above the mid-thigh (appropriate length of shorts), students must wear leggings underneath the jeans/pants. Joggers are permitted.
- Shirts must overlap the waistband of pants, skirts, or shorts. Shirts do not have to be tucked in.
- Clothing which, in the opinion of the professional campus staff, would be deemed a distraction to the learning environment or offensive for school in general, shall not be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to the following: trench coats, mini-skirts, pajama pants, decorative teeth coverings or teeth jewelry, halter or tube tops, split sides, midriffs, sagging pants, bare shoulder tops, see-through clothing, fishnet tops, yoga pants, sweat pants, or running/spandex shorts or pants.
- All students must wear appropriate, non-visible undergarments.
- For health and safety reasons, students are required to wear footwear appropriate for the school setting. This includes but is not limited to: activities that require certain types of footwear, outside school activities, PE, recess, etc.. House shoes are never permitted.
- As tattoos are not legal prior to the age of 18 without parental consent, Terrell ISD discourages underage tattoos. Tattoos may not create a distraction to the learning environment.

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Campus Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the Student Dress Code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in the Student Dress Code Policy shall be within the discretion of the campus administration.

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.

For special events (ie. dances, prom, etc.), the principal of the campus hosting the event will publish, in a timely manner, a specific dress code for the event that will reflect modesty and taste. In the event that a specific dress code is not published, then the standards set forth in the approved dress code will apply. If there is a violation of the specific dress code for special events, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem. If not corrected, the student will not be allowed to attend the event.

Additionally, student activity organizations (Athletics, Band, Cheerleaders, Tigerettes, etc.) can have stricter guidelines for student dress and grooming as set forth by the activity sponsor/coach/director.