

2023-2024 DICKINSON ISD DRESS EXPECTATIONS

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The student's appearance (clothing, shoes, accessories and grooming) *shall not reflect gang affiliation, cause a distraction, nor conceal contraband.* **ADMINISTRATORS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND RIGHT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATENESS OF ATTIRE AND GROOMING FOR THE SCHOOL SETTING.**

GRADES PK-5

PANTS, SLACKS, JEANS, SKIRTS, DRESSES, JUMPERS, SHORTS, SHIRTS, BLOUSES OR PULLOVERS:

- May be any color or design
- Shall be appropriately sized, fitting at the waist, and cuffed/hemmed at or below mid-calf.
- Jeans/pants with tears/holes above the knee must be worn with tights underneath
- Shorts may be no shorter than mid-thigh in length with a hem. No cut off shorts.
- The length/slits of skirts, dresses, and jumpers must be clearly below mid-thigh.
- Leggings or yoga pants may be worn with acceptable clothing over them. Coverage should extend to top of the thigh in the front and below the posterior end.
- Shirts, blouses, or pullovers must have sleeves and must be appropriately sized and buttoned.
- Shirts, blouses, or pullovers may not be sheer, lace, or any see-through material (even if worn with an undergarment/ camisole/slip), backless, cut-out, off-the-shoulder, spaghetti strap, sundress, tank-style, sleeveless, low-cut, back exposed, or revealing in any way
- No vinyl, leather, suede, fleece, spandex/stretch, oversized pockets, pajamas, overalls, sweatpants, or coveralls.
- No inappropriate pictures or messages allowed.
- Underclothes may not be worn as outer clothes, including men's T shirts.

OUTSIDE JACKETS AND COATS

- All jackets/coats that are $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths (or less) are acceptable.
- "Trench" coats or "Dusters" are not allowed.
- No inappropriate pictures, messages, or buttons allowed.

SHOES

- Shoes must be safe and appropriate for school.
- No house slippers, slides, flip flops, or shoes with skates, wheels or cleats.
- Campuses with stairs may require shoes with backs for safety reasons.

HAIR

- Hair (including facial hair) must be neat, clean, and well-groomed.
- No distracting/extreme styles or coloring.

BACKPACKS

- May be any fabric.
- No inappropriate pictures or messages allowed.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Glitter, writing or drawing on the face or skin
- Tattoos (temporary and permanent)
- Sunglasses
- Any type of head covering (no cap, hat, hair net, hair rollers, combs, or picks may be worn inside the building)
- Body piercing other than the ear
- Heavy chains, heavy chain necklaces, spike necklaces, or other inappropriate types of jewelry
- Inappropriate decorations or advertisements including, but not limited to, violence, drugs, alcohol, the occult, gang membership, sex, death, suicide, etc.
- Any attire or icons that are distracting, that causes a disturbance or interferes with daily school activities, or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group, gang, or society are not permitted.

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GRADES 6-12

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- May be any color or design
- Shall be appropriately sized, fitting at the waist, and cuffed/hemmed at or below mid-calf.
- Jeans/pants with tears/holes above the knee must be worn with tights underneath.
- Shorts may be no shorter than mid-thigh in length with a hem. No cut off shorts.
- The lengths/slits of skirts, shorts, dresses and jumpers must be no more than 4" above the top of the knee when standing upright.
- Leggings or yoga pants may be worn with acceptable clothing over them. Coverage should extend to top of the thigh in the front and below the posterior end.
- Leggings and/or jeggings must be appropriately sized and made from fabric that adequately conceals the body and the undergarment(s).
- Shirts, blouses, or pullovers must have sleeves. Must be appropriately sized and buttoned.
- Shirts, blouses, or pullovers may NOT be: sheer, lace, any see-through material (even if worn with an undergarment/camisole/slip), backless, cut-out, off-the-shoulder, spaghetti strap, tank-style, sleeveless, low-cut, or midriff.
- Shirts, blouses, or pullover must not be revealing in any way. Shoulders, the back, and the midriff must be covered.
- No vinyl, leather, suede, fleece,
- Pajamas or any form of clothing designed for lounging or sleep may not be worn.
- Under garments may not be worn as outer clothes including men's T shirts.

OUTSIDE JACKETS AND COATS

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- "Trench" coats or "Dusters" are not allowed.
- No inappropriate pictures or messages allowed.

SHOES

- Shoes must be safe and appropriate for school.
- No house slippers, slides, flip flops, or shoes with skates, wheels or cleats.
- Campuses with stairs may require shoes with backs for safety reasons.

HAIR

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- No distracting/extreme styles or coloring.

BACKPACKS

- May be any fabric.
- No inappropriate pictures or messages allowed.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Tattoos with designs, symbols, or words that refer to alcohol, drugs including marijuana, tobacco/vaping, violence, death, racism, profanity, nudity/obscenity, Satanism/occult, or gang affiliation are not permitted and must be covered at all times while on school property.
- Sunglasses
- Any type of head covering including the following: caps, hats, hairnets, hair rollers, combs/picks, wave caps.
- Body piercing other than the ear
- Heavy chains, heavy chain necklaces, spike necklaces, or other inappropriate types of jewelry
- Inappropriate decorations or advertisements including, but not limited to, violence, drugs, alcohol, the occult, gang membership, sex, death, suicide, etc.
- Bandanas worn or displayed in any manner (all colors).
- Any attire or icons that are distracting, that causes a disturbance or interferes with daily school activities, or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group, gang, or society are not permitted.

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