

ZEPHYR ISD

2023-2024 Dress and Grooming Policy

(All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

(A) All students shall keep hair clean and well groomed.

- Hair will not obstruct a student's vision or hearing.
- Hair shall be clean and well groomed; boys hair will be neither below the eyebrows, nor extending below the ear lobes or collar of a regular T-shirt.
- Mustaches, beards and goatees will not be permitted for male students. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and must not extend below the bottom of the ear. Students are expected to shave as often as the situation dictates in order to maintain good grooming habits.
- Extreme hairstyles such as Mohawks, dreadlocks or shaved designs in the hair are not permitted. Tinting or dyeing of hair in an unnatural color is not permitted.
- Hats, caps or any headwear will not be worn in any building during the school day unless they are designated as part of a spirit or other special day.

(B) School clothing should be in good taste and appropriate for school wear (including face masks).

- No sleeveless shirts are to be worn. No slits in sleeves will be allowed. Sleeveless is defined as any sleeve less than 3 inches below the point of the shoulder.
- Clothing that is excessively tight or revealing will not be permitted. Administration will have the final say as to what is revealing or excessively tight.
- TIGHTS- spandex, yoga, leggings, jeggings and any other form-fitting article of clothing is NOT permitted.

- Abbreviated clothing, such as tank-tops, midriff shirts or blouses, back-less tops or dresses, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, and cold-shoulder blouses are not permitted.
- Clothes with holes where skin is showing above the knee cap are not acceptable.
- Shirts or blouses that show the midriff at any time will not be permitted, even if this just occurs when the arms are raised.
- Hoodies may be worn as a sweater. However, hoods may not be worn on the head in the building.
- For students in grades 6-12, shorts, skirts and dresses must be no shorter than fingertip length on an extended arm (front, back, and side) or longer.
- For students in grades pk-5, shorts, skirts and dresses should be no shorter than mid-thigh length.
- Slogans, pictures, or advertisements, which promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, acts of violence, guns, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, or other lewd, offensive, vulgar items, are specifically prohibited.
- No loose fitting, sagging or baggy pants will be allowed. Low fitting pants to the extent of undergarments showing will not be allowed at any time.
- No pajamas or blankets allowed at any time.
- Shoes will be worn at all times. No house shoes at any time. All shoes must have a back and be worn appropriately. (Slip on shoes without a back may be worn to after school events as long as the shoes are appropriate for the event and the wearer's involvement with the event).

(C) Only accessories appropriate for school which do not distract from the learning environment will be permitted.

- Boys shall not wear ear jewelry.
- Girls may wear no more than two (2) earrings per ear.
- Tongue, nose, eye, lip, naval rings or studs are not permitted for any student on school campus or during school related activities on or off campus.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in school unless medically prescribed.
- No chains are allowed on school property. Ex: wallet, backpack, dog chains, collars, spurs, etc. will not be allowed
- Tattoos will be covered.

(D) Banquet attire will be appropriate and modest for the occasion. No excessively

revealing dresses will be allowed.

(E) Students will not wear P.E. clothes in the cafeteria or anywhere else on campus. Except in P.E. classes. Exception: When students are in dress code violation, they may be asked to change into P.E. clothes until other clothes arrive.

(F) Students in grades Pre-K through 5th grade are not permitted to wear make-up.

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Any student representing Zephyr ISD at a school-sponsored event beyond or during school hours may be held to a higher dress code standard as outlined by the activity sponsor/coach.