

Brenham Middle School Student Dress Code

It is the school's expectation that students will read and understand these dress code guidelines. In keeping with that understanding, we expect there will be no violation. In the event that students come to school in violation of any of these guidelines, we will ask the student and parent to make every attempt to correct the violation without loss of class time. In some cases students will be placed in In-School Suspension or sent home if the violation cannot be corrected immediately.

There is a close relationship between high standards of dignity and pride and proper grooming. Personal appearance is important. The student and parents share in the responsibility for proper grooming of the student. The Board of Trustees has authorized the Superintendent and his/her administrative staff, primarily the principals and assistant principals, to make the necessary decisions concerning dress and personal appearance.

In order to instill a general understanding of an acceptable dress code, the following guidelines are in effect:

- Students will wear clean clothing and keep themselves neat, well-groomed, and free of offensive body odor.
- Hair shall be kept clean and well-groomed.
- Skirts, skorts, and walking shorts may be worn to school as long as the length comes to the end of the student's extended fingertips when his/her arms are placed at his/her side. Athletic shorts, including wind and/or soccer shorts, cut-offs of any length, and bicycle (spandex) shorts, shall not be worn.
- Acceptable footwear must be worn which does not create a health or safety hazard for the individual and which does not cause undue disruptions such as making noise when walking. *Cleats, wheeled shoes and house slippers are prohibited.*
- Pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing and jewelry that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance will not be allowed. Anything worn, including tattoos or articles of clothing that depict or represent gang affiliation, per knowledge of the administration, will be strictly prohibited.
- Halter tops, tank tops, see-through clothing, low cut tops, spaghetti straps, and strapless garments are not to be worn. Shirts and blouses must cover the abdomen area. Clothing must not be overly tight or revealing.
- Hats/head coverings, by either males or females, are not to be worn inside the buildings, except by prior approval of administration.
- No sunglasses (unless prescription) may be worn in the buildings.
- The wearing of earrings or other types of pierced jewelry anywhere except the ear is prohibited.
- Pants/slacks must be secured at the waistline. Pants will not be allowed to sag or drag.
- No heavy gauge chains or belt buckles will be allowed.
- The principal or assistant principal, in conjunction with the teacher, sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of any instructional or extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Such additional standards shall be written and copies given to students and parents.

Determination of whether a student's dress or grooming is a distraction to the educational process of the classroom or school or violates the community standards of dress and grooming can be a difficult decision. The principal or assistant principal will have the final decision in determining what dress is appropriate or inappropriate.