

Bastrop ISD 2019-2020 DRESS AND GROOMING

Bastrop ISD expects students to come to school neat, clean, and ready to learn. The District has established a dress code to reinforce grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption, and to minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards within the parameters set forth below.

General Guidelines

- Students are to wear pants, slacks, shorts, and skirts at the waistline and secured with a belt, if necessary.
- Students are to wear clothing that covers the midriff.
- Students are to wear appropriate shoes. House shoes are not appropriate.
- Students are to wear appropriate undergarments.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses (even when worn with tights/leggings), must be as long all the way around as the bottom of the fingertip, with normal movement, with the arm fully extended at the side. If the skirt or dress has a slit, the slit may not be higher than the bottom of the fingertip with the arm fully extended at the side.
- Students may wear earrings; however, students may not wear earrings that pose a safety hazard, including but not limited to gauges, plugs or spikes.
- Students may wear only small studs in the nose.
- Students may wear leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants, but they can only be worn with a top covering them that is as long all the way around as the bottom of the fingertip, with normal movement, with the arm fully extended at the side.
- Students may choose to color their hair with a natural or an unnatural color; however, neon-colored hair is not acceptable.
- Students will be required to keep covered any tattoos deemed inappropriate or offensive by administration.

Not Permitted

- Visible midriff
- House shoes
- Shorts, skirts and dresses that do not meet the length requirement
- Boxer-style briefs worn as outer garments
- Provocative, revealing, or excessively tight clothing, including but not limited to sheer clothing, tank tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs, exposed fronts, and visible undergarments
- Clothing that is shredded, has holes above fingertip length, or has holes with skin exposed
- Crude/vulgar language or pictures
- Drug, tobacco, weapon, or alcohol-related language or pictures
- Racial/ethnic slurs, discriminatory language or pictures on clothing, school supplies, or any other student possession
- Gang-affiliated clothing, including but not limited to altered hats, shirts, hairnets, belt buckles or other accessories

- Flagging or “posting of colors”, items draped over shoulder, neck or hung out of pocket
- Notched eyebrows
- Oversized or sagging clothing, including pants, shirts, and belts
- Pajamas and pajama-type clothing
- Metal, wheeled, or hard tap shoes
- Sunglasses inside a building unless prescribed by a doctor
- Bandanas, neckbands, or bands on the arms and legs
- Hats, hoods and caps inside a building during the instructional day
- Visible piercings on any other body part other than ear and nose
- Extreme hairstyles, including but not limited to Mohawks
- Neon hair coloring
- Costumes or costume accessories (except on special days approved by administration)

Additional Information

The principal or designee has final determination and authority over a student’s manner of dress. Administration will use professional judgment in assigning consequences regarding dress code violations in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Multiple violations or continued refusal to comply will result in additional disciplinary action.

If a student comes to school in violation of the dress code or dress and grooming standards set by the District, campus administration may place the student in In-School Suspension or otherwise isolate him/her until the student is in compliance. Administrators will make efforts to notify parents as soon as possible, and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, s/he will return to regular classes immediately.

Administration will confiscate items in violation of the dress code and may hold them until the end of the school year. The campus will consider any unclaimed items at the end of the school year as donations to the school.

Administration reserves the right to enforce an alternate dress code at disciplinary campuses, such as Gateway and Boot Camp.

Elementary/Intermediate School

The elementary/intermediate student dress code is the same as the secondary student dress code with a few exceptions. Each campus handbook provides a full list of exceptions.

Parents can help children participate in the physical education program by dressing them appropriately. The P.E. teachers recommend tennis shoes rather than boots and sandals, which can be unsafe. Girls may wear pants or shorts under their dresses. The teachers further recommend pullover tops and pants so children can move freely on the floor without the discomfort of buttons and zippers.

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