

Bastrop ISD Student Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

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

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL).
3. Are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang, unauthorized club, or organization. [See FNCC(LOCAL)]

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 school appropriate shoes at all times. House shoes or slippers are not considered school appropriate. It is recommended that students wear closed toe and covered heel shoes with laces or Velcro if participating in athletic or physical type activities. Failure to do so may result in an injury or present a safety issue.
- Clothing should be worn with appropriate undergarments. Undergarments may not be exposed and/or worn as outer clothing.
- Students may choose to color their hair with a natural or unnatural color; however, neon-colored hair or other hair color that distracts from the learning environment is not permitted.
- Students may be required to keep covered any tattoos that are deemed inappropriate, offensive by administration or could potentially cause a substantial disruption to the learning environment.

Not Permitted:

- Items suggesting or promoting gang affiliation, membership or violence not be worn or displayed; this may include but is not limited to: alterations to eyebrows, visible tattoos, piercings, bandanas, chains or jewelry, hip cloths, T-shirts, gang writing, or color codes.
- Any attire or accessory that is distracting or disturbing will not be permitted on school property. This includes outfits that are too short, too revealing, excessively tight, low-cut, see-through/sheer, backless, and pajamas or pajama-like items.
- Clothing that is shredded, ripped, or has holes that are considered revealing, excessive, or distracting to the learning environment.
- Low-cut or strapless blouses or dresses.
- Clothing, accessories, or other items that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene.
- Clothing, accessories, or other items with pictures or language related to drugs, tobacco,

- weapons, or alcohol.
- Clothing, accessories, or other items that contain racial or ethnic slurs, discriminatory language or pictures.
- Students may not wear suggestive or inappropriately located decorative patches, insignia, or clothing with improper advertising, pictures, slogans, or statements.
- Students may not wear a military uniform to school unless it is in conjunction with a school-approved activity.
- Hats or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a doctor) may not be worn in the school buildings. Head coverings protected by the Texas CROWN Act of 2023 (HB 567) are permissible.
- Hair must be clean and groomed. Any hair style that is distracting or disturbing to the learning environment will not be permitted on school property.
- Facial hair must be neatly groomed and styled in a way that is not distracting.
- Students may not wear orthodontic appliances unless prescribed by a medical doctor/dentist.
- Metal, wheeled, or hard tap boots or shoes.
- Visible piercings on any body part other than the ears or nose.
- Unless authorized by the campus administration or as part of an approved alternative dress code for a school related activity, costumes or costume accessories are not permitted.
- If a student is assigned to the District's Alternative Education Placement (DAEP), they will be responsible for adhering to the DAEP's dress code.

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.