

MOKING/USE OF TOBACCO/POSSESSION OF TOBACCO/MATCHES, LIGHTERS

For consequences, see Standards of Student Conduct.

SOCIAL CONDUCT, DRESS, AND APPEARANCE

Students are expected to refrain from public display of affection on the school campus. Violations of this are subject to disciplinary action. Proper dress and grooming are the responsibilities of the student, parent, and school. Each should discourage extremes. The school is charged with the responsibility of building proper values, quality citizenship, and maintaining a school climate that results in academic benefits for the student body. Proper dress and grooming are considered a part of the educational program.

FISD DISTRICT DRESS CODE

The Friendswood Independent School District (FISD) maintains dress and grooming standards because students should dress and groom themselves in a manner considered acceptable and appropriate by the community. FISD believes the business of school is learning, and school dress and grooming standards should support the learning environment, along with promoting a safe, orderly learning environment. The FISD Dress Code is also established to teach grooming, hygiene, instill discipline and modesty, teach respect for authority, and prepare students for the future. School is a place of business, therefore the dress and grooming of a student should reflect the serious intent of one who is going to work. Accordingly, dress and grooming standards should promote a business-like atmosphere which is comfortable, but not too casual, free from disruption, and easily enforced by teachers and administrators.

The parent and student shall be responsible for ensuring the student is in compliance with all aspects of the Dress Code when the student enters the school premises, and during the time the student is on school premises during school hours. Each student and parent shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the standards presented in the campus Manual/Handbook. Failure to comply will result in the student being required to change clothes, and/or correct the infraction to meet the standards. Any clothing deemed inappropriate for the educational setting by the administration, along with the ruling of the building principal regarding compliance or non-compliance with the Dress code and the corresponding consequences assigned for the violation are final. Students whose religious beliefs require exemptions from the District's Dress Code in any way may be granted an exemption, provided the student presents a written statement, expressing a religious objection to the Dress Code which the District determines valid.

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming, provided the following standards are met:

1. Hair must be a color that can be grown naturally, neat and well groomed. Mohawk type haircuts, distracting styles, hair carvings, shaved designs or lines are not permitted.
2. Hats, caps, sport-type headbands, or any other types of head covering garments are not to be worn on campuses during school hours. No hooded sweatshirts should be worn with the hood on inside the building. Bandanas may not be worn or carried.
3. Students must be clean-shaven. Goatees, beards and moustaches or any other facial hair are prohibited.
4. A modest appearance must be maintained when standing, sitting, or bending.
5. Inappropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to strapless garments, spaghetti straps, low-cut shirts, tube tops, open underarm shirts, see-through/fishnet shirts, tank tops, pajama tops or bottoms, boxer shorts, and clothes which

exposes the midriff or the underarm. *At the Pre-Kinder through 5th grade levels, tank tops are acceptable with straps wider than a 3-finger width strap. At the 6th through 12th grade levels, all shirts/blouses/dresses are to have fully attached sleeves, shoulders must be covered at all times.*

6. Pants or shorts shall be appropriately sized and worn at the natural waist with or without a belt. Oversized or excessively baggy clothes are not permitted.
7. Shorts, skirts, or dresses, to include top of slit on short, skirt or dress, must be middle fingertip length.
8. Shorts and jeans with tears above middle fingertip length are not permitted. Cut-off type shorts and skirts are not permitted.
9. Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, biking shorts, or similar material (except those that are worn in a school sponsored activity) cannot be worn unless they are covered by shorts, a skirt/dress or shirt which meets the middle fingertip length.
10. Appropriate undergarments must be worn, and must not be visible at any time.
11. Full-length coats, such as those commonly referred to as “trench” coats are not permitted.
12. Non-wheeled shoes are to be worn at all times. House shoes/slippers are not permitted.
13. Permanent or non-permanent tattoos, along with writing, drawing or stamping on the skin cannot be visible.
14. Body piercings are limited to the ear. Plugs, tunnels, and spacers are not permitted, along with eyebrow, nose and tongue rings.
15. Jewelry, heavy chains or trinkets may not be noisy or distracting. Any accessory which could be deemed unsafe, to include, but not limited to spiked bracelets/chokers/watch-bands, dog collars, or locks are not permitted.
16. Any clothing or accessory which may be deemed to represent gang affiliation (real or implied) are not permitted, along with any clothing or accessory which may be deemed to be offensive or degrade any student population. This includes Gothic style dress.
17. Any clothing or accessory which advertises or is related to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, or any other substances students are prohibited from having at school, are not permitted. Students may not wear suggestive or inappropriately located decorative patches, insignia, or clothing with improper advertising, pictures, slogans or statements.
18. Clothing or accessories that in any way suggest disrespect for the American flag are not permitted. Slogans or drawings representing local, country, state or federal detentions are not permitted.

Extracurricular Activities

All groups representing the school or school organizations are expected to put their “best foot forward” in public. Therefore a coach, band director, drill team sponsor, student council sponsor, etc., may require members to wear ties or dress in a more formal style.

If hairstyle or type of dress interferes with the performance or efficiency of student’s participation in athletics or any extracurricular activity, the student shall be required to change the hairstyle or the attire or cease to participate. Any student who represents the school or any athletic team or is a member of any school organization must remember that public opinion and public scrutiny is always present. The team morale, attitude of athletic contest officials, and the accepted public standards must be considered. A student represents the school first and foremost and individual preferences as to hairstyles and dress attire must be sacrificed if such individual preferences serve to deteriorate the general effectiveness of a team or organization.

Dress Code Violations

Violations of the dress code may result in disciplinary action being assigned. If the student’s dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or designee shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. Students who violate provisions of the dress code will be given the opportunity to have parents bring appropriate clothing to school or to pick up the student. If a parent cannot be contacted the student will be placed in A.S.C. Students will receive disciplinary action for any violation of the school dress code. (See Code of Conduct)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The District provides special programs for gifted and talented students, bilingual students, dyslexic students, and for those with disabilities. A student or parent with questions about these programs should contact a counselor; the coordinator of each