



2017-18 Dress Code

Dress Code

The district's dress code, at all grade levels, is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, and that will not pose a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. In addition to the specific restrictions in this Dress Code the district prohibits any clothing or grooming in the judgment of the *principal's or principal's designee* that may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation.

Restrictions and Prohibitions

Modes of dress or grooming judged to be disruptive or potentially disruptive to normal school operations, or considered a health or safety hazard are strictly prohibited.

Clothing and Grooming

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, clothing, or writing on clothing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene; that depict the occult; that represent gang membership; or that advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance object, or activity prohibited by law, BISD Board Policy, Student Code of Conduct, or other district rule. The District also prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interfere with normal school operations. Additionally, students in grades PK-12 are expected to adhere to the following standards:

1. Student's hair shall be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Well-kept beards and mustaches are allowed. Hair styles and hair colors that pose a health or safety hazard or cause a disruption of normal school operation, as determined by campus administration, are strictly prohibited.
2. Students' clothing shall adhere to the following guidelines:

Shirts/Tops/ Dresses

- a) Shirts, tops and dresses should be modest and appropriate for school.
- b) Undergarments must not be exposed at any time.
- c) Tank tops (straps less than 2 inches); low cut dresses, low cut blouses, blouses that are strapless, backless, or have spaghetti-type straps are prohibited.
- d) Oversized T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited.

Pants/Shorts

- e) Students may wear shorts and skirts, provided they are neatly hemmed and modest in appearance. All shorts are to be without holes and not shredded.
- f) Specifically prohibited are: cutoffs (of any derivation), pajama bottoms, form-fitting/skin tight shorts of Lycra, spandex, yoga pants or any other similar material. The acceptable length of shorts, skirts, and dresses are as follows:
 - i. Elementary: No higher than fingertip length
 - ii. Secondary: No higher than 5" from the top of the knee



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- g) Form-fitting/skin tight pants, such as leggings, jeggings, yoga pants and tights, must be covered with a top reaching no higher than 5" inches above the knee for secondary students and no higher than fingertip length for elementary students.
- h) No sagging. Oversized clothing shall not be worn to any BISD function. Specifically, "bagging or sagging" pants or shorts are prohibited. All pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist. Appropriately sized arm holes on tank tops.
- i) Pants may not expose the skin higher than 5" above the knee and must be presentable. Extra-long belts are prohibited. Belts must be used appropriately.

Footwear/Shoes

- j) All students must wear appropriate footwear. Heelys (or other wheeled shoes) are prohibited. Due to safety concerns during recess and P.E. elementary students are not allowed to wear flip-flops during this time.
3. No hats or head coverings (i.e., scarves, bandanas, hoodies) of any kind are to be worn or brought to school unless approved by the school principal for a special occasion or worn for religious reasons. Unless there is a documented medical justification, no sunglasses are to be worn in the building.
 4. Heavy full-length outerwear, such as "dusters", trench coats, or Gothic attire, is prohibited from being worn.
 5. The wearing of heavy chains or spiked jewelry or "grills" is prohibited. Pierced body ornaments must be restricted to the ear and must be appropriate for school. "Gauges" in elementary school are prohibited.
 6. Tattoos (permanent or temporary) must be covered and not visible to others while on school grounds or school activities.
 7. The length of uniforms for spirit groups such as drill teams, cheerleaders, dance clubs, etc. shall be consistent with BISD student dress code when these uniforms are worn to school.
 8. Regulations in reference to grooming and dress for each campus are under the direction of the principal.

**The Academy at Carrie F. Thomas, West Birdville and Birdville Elementary require the wearing of school uniforms or standardized dress for all students as approved by the Campus Site-Based Committee.