

Rocksprings ISD Student Dress Code Policy

2018–2019 School Year

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE Male students must wear clean clothing (shirt, slacks, jeans, trousers) that IS NOT torn or damaged above the knee. Female students must wear clean clothing (dress, blouse, shirt, skirt, slacks, jeans) that IS NOT torn or damaged above the knee. Pants must be worn with the waist at waist level, and shirts or blouses must be buttoned. All students must wear shoes and appropriate undergarments. Undergarments are not to be exposed at any time.

*Shorts may be worn, but must be measured at no higher than 3" from the top of the knee cap for all students except PK-3. Dresses or skirts may be worn by female students, but must be measured at no higher than 3" from the top of the knee cap for all students except PK-3.

APPROPRIATE GROOMING All students will exemplify grooming standards that project a positive image for the student, school, and district. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed and worn in a style that does not cover the eyes or eyebrows. Male students' hair must be neatly trimmed and worn in a style above the eye brows that exposes the earlobes and has a length above the top of the collar of a button-up shirt or crew-neck t-shirt. Male students must not have hair styles longer than 2" in length. Male students must be clean-shaven. Sideburns may extend no lower than the bottom of the ear and must be trimmed in a straight line without flares at the bottom.

INAPPROPRIATE GROOMING The following hair styles or colorings are inappropriate grooming for any student at school or a school-related or school-sanctioned activity: Neon or other hair colorings or bleaching, whether permanent or temporary, in a shade or tone that the principal determines to be unnatural, such as neon orange, neon pink, magenta, any shade of blue, any shade of green, violet, purple, white. Hair coloring or bleaching for the purpose of creating extreme differences in color, shade, or tone between the student's natural and original hair color and the colored or bleached color, shade, or tone. Lines, patterns, or designs shaved or cut into the hair. "Mohawk", "Faux hawk", "man-buns", pony tails on male students, partially shaved heads, sculptured hair styles, or any other haircut or hairstyle considered to be extreme.

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. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

INAPPROPRIATE OR UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE The following clothing and accessories are inappropriate attire for any student at school or a school-related or sanctioned activity:

-No caps/hats are to be worn on the school campus during school hours. Caps/hats are not to be worn in a school building at any time.

-Pants worn below the natural waistline or “sagging”, “bagging”, or extremely loose pants.

-Shirts or blouses that reveal undergarments or cleavage, midriff length tops that leave exposed skin; halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, tight-fitting or any other garment that school officials deem inappropriate.

-Exposed undergarments.

-Bedtime attire including but not limited to: pajamas, undershirts, house shoes, or undergarments worn as outerwear, e.g., boxer shorts, “cheer” style or “track” style shorts.

-Clothing made of any see-through material, fish net, or very loosely-woven fabric, unless other acceptable clothing is worn underneath.

- Shirts or blouses that are split up the side such that the vent or split is unfinished or extends above the natural waistline.

-Muscle shirts, shirts with oversized armholes, or backless shirts, blouses, or tops.

-Sunglasses worn inside a school building.

-Hair rollers, hair curlers, plastic hair bags, and other similar grooming items worn inside a school building.

-Footwear including but not limited to “flip-flops”, sandals, “shower shoes”, soccer-style “slides” or any other shoe styles deemed unsafe or inappropriate for school attire. Sandals with straps located around the ankle or back side of the foot or heel are acceptable for wear.

CLOTHING WITH WORDS OR PICTURES Clothing worn at school or school-related or-sanctioned activities may not display printed statements or pictures:

1. That are vulgar or obscene.

2. That are related to or depict sexual activity.

3. That promote hate or violence in general or are directed at any specific person or group of persons.

4. That are related to or depict the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

JEWELRY, TATTOOS, BODY PIERCING Students may not wear on the outside of their clothing any jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or distracting or that are likely to cause disruption to the educational environment. Students CAN NOT wear facial jewelry of any kind, other than non-distracting earrings worn on the earlobe. Male students may not wear earrings of any kind. Any body piercings or tattoos, including temporary tattoos, must be covered at all times while students are under the school’s jurisdiction.

GANG ATTIRE AND GROOMING Clothing, grooming, or any attire that identifies or connects a student with a gang is prohibited. The principal will maintain and regularly update a list of clothing, grooming, and other attire that has been identified as gang-related and will make the list Rocksprings ISD Student Handbook 2018-2019 available to teachers and parents for review.

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates our dress and grooming code she/he will be removed from the general education setting until she/he is in compliance. We will make efforts to notify you as soon as possible, and when the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, she/he will return to their regular classroom setting.

PRINCIPAL'S AUTHORITY The principal will determine if clothing or attire not addressed in this policy creates a distraction to the educational process and may prohibit that clothing or attire for his or her campus. Administrators have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of dress and grooming and to make special exceptions, including for religious or medical necessities. Violations of the student dress code and grooming policies will be addressed immediately by the campus principal and/or dean of students. Upon a first offense, students will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. Any subsequent offense will result in further disciplinary action including and up to lunch detention, after school detention, in school suspension, out of school suspension or other disciplinary action as assigned by the campus principal or principal's designee.