

Trent ISD Dress and Grooming Policy

2023-2024

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

Since it is impossible to list all of the acceptable and unacceptable types of dress and grooming, the principal may use their judgment in deciding appropriate attire and grooming.

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates our dress and grooming standards, they will be placed in in-school suspension until they are in compliance. We will make efforts to notify you as soon as possible, and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, they will promptly return to regular classes.

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, to 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:

- Students may not wear, as outer clothing, any clothing designed to be worn as an undergarment.
- Students may not wear strapless, spaghetti straps, tank or cut tops, half, or mesh shirts. All shirts and blouses should be of sufficient length so as not to expose the midriff and should be properly buttoned. Sleeveless shirts and blouses need to be at least three inches wide (grades 6-12), unaltered, and must have tight armholes so as not to reveal any undergarments.
- Shorts, dresses or skirts are permitted if they are finger-tip length or longer. Un-hemmed cut-off shorts or spandex shorts are not allowed.
- Leggings, tights, yoga or similar pants are permitted if they are accompanied with an approved top that is finger-tip length. No leggings with sheer inserts are allowed (grades 6-12). Leggings, yoga or similar pants are permitted if they are modestly covered. No leggings with sheer inserts are allowed (grades PK-5).
- Students may not wear excessively tight clothing and/or low-cut blouses or tops that expose cleavage and/or midriff. Board Approved: Trent ISD Dress and Grooming Policy 2023-2024
- Students must wear appropriate footwear. For student safety, it may be recommended and/or required for students to have appropriate shoes for different classes such as science, FCS, P.E. and Ag. Wheeled-shoes and house shoes are not permitted.
- Explicit or insinuating apparel or adornments that are disruptive to the educational process such as something vulgar, or that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, sex, or violence is prohibited.

- Jeans will not have holes above the approved hemline. If jeans have holes above the approved hemline, the student must wear tights underneath the pants. Jeans must be worn in an appropriate manner and maintained at the waistline (sagging jeans is not permitted - "Sagging" is defined as pants low enough to expose the underwear). *For purposes of this dress code, "approved hemline" means finger-tip length or below.*
- Piercing permitted--ears and nasal only - Nasal piercing is limited to one stud - Gauging is not allowed (grades 6-12). Piercing permitted--ears only - Gauging is not allowed (grades EE-5).
- Body art/tattoos must be covered.
- Hair should be kept clean and well groomed. Hair should be kept out from in front of the eyes.
- Students are not allowed to wear hats in the buildings (except for campus approved hat days, dress-up days, etc.). If a student wears a hat into the building, the hat will be taken up and returned. Hoodies will be treated the same as a hat. Head coverings must be school approved.
- Students are not allowed to wear pajamas to school (except for campus approved dress-up days).
- No trench coats of any kind.
- No gang related dress or grooming items permitted.

Students attending extracurricular activities or school-sponsored events are required to abide by the dress-code requirements unless otherwise communicated by school administration. Some school sponsored days and/or events may require exceptions to the above dress code policy as determined by the school administration.