



HARLANDALE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Harlandale ISD Dress Code 2024-2025

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, if they comply with the following:

Students must dress and groom in a manner appropriate for a public-school educational environment because we believe that in doing so, students are prepared for success.

Examples of inappropriate dress include, but are not limited to:

Overall/General:

All Levels-

- Excessively tight or see-through clothing is prohibited.
- Clothing and accessories must be worn as intended by the manufacturer.
- Gang related clothing: clothing advertising or depicting tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or prohibited substances; and clothing with offensive or obscene language or depictions (photos, drawings, etc.) are not allowed.
- Costumes, facial paint and/or commercial or face painted masks are not permitted. This includes Halloween costumes.
- Costumes or portions of costumes are not allowed at any time throughout the school year.
- Undergarments are not to be visible.

Accessories/Shoes:

All Levels-

- Book bags, folders, or other items marked with gang related graffiti or that depict or encourage violence are prohibited.
- Caps, hats, bandanas, or articles associated with gangs are prohibited on campus.
- Headwear to include caps, hats and hoods of sweatshirt hoodie are not to be worn while inside the building of a campus.
- Sunglasses, unless prescribed by a doctor, must not be worn inside the school buildings.
- Bare feet; steel-toed boots; flip flops or roller shoes are prohibited.
- Shoes must be appropriate for participation in physical education activities.
- House slippers and other house shoes are prohibited.
- Belts must be properly looped and not hanging. Belts with metal spikes or studs are not allowed. Oversized belt buckles that are made of metal and that may be used as a weapon or conceal contraband are not allowed.

Shorts/Skirts/Pants:

At elementary schools, skirts, dresses, and shorts must be long enough to touch the bottom of the fingertips with the arm is extended straight down or be worn with leggings underneath.



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At secondary schools, all shorts, rompers, skirts and dress are not to be shorter than midthigh. If shorts, skirts and dresses are worn shorter than midthigh, solid or opaque jeggings or leggings must be worn underneath.

All Levels-

- Jeggings or leggings cannot be worn in isolation unless the top worn is longer in length than wrist when extended straight down.
- Cut-offs, spandex-type bike shorts or any other type of tight-fitting shorts are not allowed.
- Torn jeans are acceptable, however, shorts, skirts, or pants with holes inappropriately placed are prohibited.
- Baggy or sagging pants are prohibited.
- Pants must be worn at the waist.
- Clothes that are excessively ripped, torn, cut or with large holes are not permitted.
- Warm-ups and sweats and joggers are allowed.
- At all secondary schools, pajamas are prohibited.

Shirts/Tops/Blouses/Jackets:

All Levels-

- T-shirts and shirts must be tucked in if the length extends farther than the fingertips of the student when the arm is extended straight down.
- Tank tops or other tops that are low cut, or that do not cover the midriff; tube tops, spaghetti strap or halter tops are prohibited.
- Chiffon blouses must be worn with a camisole or tank top that measures 3 fingers (2 inches) or more in width.
- Trench-style coats or other concealing outerwear is not allowed.
- Sleeveless shirts must be 3 fingers (2 inches) or more in width.
- Jerseys are allowed with undershirts only.

Jewelry:

For all levels-

- Visible body piercing (spacers included) of the eyebrows, lips, or cheeks is prohibited. Concealing visible piercings with a bandage or anything else will not be acceptable; students will have to remove the object in question to comply with dress code.
- Earrings are allowed; however, earrings that pose a safety concern, or cause disruption because of their design will not be allowed.
- Gauges, bars, or rods are not permitted.
- At all levels, earrings must adhere to the appropriate jewelry guidelines and must be appropriate, i.e., no earrings or piercings that pose a safety concern or cause disruption because of their design.
- At all schools, wallet chains and watch chains are prohibited.
- Dog collars, choke chains, bracelets with inappropriate messages, jewelry and belts with metal spikes or studs, or jewelry depicting violent, offensive lewd, vulgar, or obscene themes are prohibited.



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- Belt buckles, bracelets or necklaces, and watch chains made from heavy-gauge metal are prohibited.
- Jewelry made from heavy metal objects is prohibited.
- Mouth grills, and unconventional body jewelry are not allowed.

Hair:

All Levels-

- Hair must be neatly groomed.
- Also, hair that obstructs vision or covers the face is not allowed.
- Etches in eyebrows are not allowed.
- Facial hair must be neatly groomed.

Tattoos:

At the elementary school, tattoos are not allowed, and all visible permanent tattoos must be covered.

At secondary schools, inappropriate tattoos include those deemed violent, vulgar, lewd, gang-related, or that depict offensive behavior or obscene language. The student is responsible for covering inappropriate tattoos.

The dress and grooming code will apply not only to regular school year, but also to other extracurricular activities, Saturday School, Harlandale ISD Summer School programs, summer academies, or any other school-related activities, including field trips, extra-curricular activities and co-curricular activities.

Frank Tejeda Academy, Early College STEM and the Harlandale ISD Discipline Alternative Educational Placement (DAEP), may establish dress codes that differ from regular campuses. Students who attend these campuses will receive details when they enroll.

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. Some options may include having a parent or designee bring an acceptable change of clothing to the school or having student remain out of the classroom pending change of clothing.

Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with Student Code of Conduct.