Needville Middle School Dress Code-2025-2026

The District has jurisdiction over its students during the regular school day and while going to and from school on district transportation. The district's jurisdiction includes any activity during the school day on school grounds or attendance at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location.

The District's dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and assert authority.

Since the dress and personal appearance of students are important factors in the maintenance of good discipline on the school campus, the school district has formulated definite policies in regard to what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in the manner of dress and personal appearance.

Students may come to school looking clean and neat, wearing appropriate clothing and exhibiting grooming that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others. The administrators can and will prohibit any dress or grooming that may reasonably be expected to interfere with normal school operations.

Each student and parent receive a copy of this dress code, and it is the responsibility of the student and his or her parent to ensure that the rules and restrictions listed are met.

MODESTY WILL BE THE DOMINANT FEATURE

- The dress code is in effect immediately upon arrival at any NISD grounds or event and remains in effect continuously until a student is completely off school grounds.

Hair

- Hair may be clean, well-groomed, and out of the eyes.
- Eyebrows cannot have any lines or designs.
- Sideburns will be neatly trimmed and may not extend below the bottom of the ear.
- Boys must be clean shaven daily with no facial hair visible.
- Designs are not permitted.
- Hair must be a natural color.
- Extreme hairstyles of any nature as determined by the principal or his/her designee are generally not allowed. However, students may wear a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race.

Shirts

- **Shirts will be completely tucked in at all times**. Girl's dress blouses may be worn untucked around the waist as designed as long as flesh is not showing when sitting, standing, bending or raising the arms.
- Shirts must extend beyond the waistband of the jeans, pants, or skirt and be long enough to remain tucked when sitting, standing, bending, or raising the arms.

- Writing or designs will be school appropriate and is subject to the discretion of the campus administration.
- All clothing - shirts, blouses, dresses - must be long or short sleeved. Sleeveless clothing is not allowed. Sheer or lace tops must have a tank top with at least a 2 inch width underneath.
- Cap/crop sleeves are not allowed. Sleeves must have at least 1" of material beyond the bottom seam.
- Collars – front, side, and rear – must fall within 3" of the neck.
- Cleavage is not allowed.
- Shirts must be worn under all sweaters/sweatshirts and jackets and meet the above requirements.
- Long sleeved shirts are not considered sweaters or sweatshirts and will be worn tucked in, buttoned, and meet the above requirements.

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Jackets/Coats

- Sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, and coats should not be tied around the waist.
- Hoods on hoodies are not to be worn inside.
- Writing on sweaters, jackets, coats or sweatshirts are at the discretion of the campus administration.
- Jackets, sweaters, and/or coats do not circumvent the dress code in any shape or form. The clothing underneath the jacket, sweater, or coat must meet all dress code regulations.

Dresses/Skirts

- Dresses or skirts must be within 3 inches of the knee which includes wearing tights or leggings underneath.
- Excessively tight dresses will not be permitted and will be subject to the discretion of campus administration.
- Cap/crop sleeves on dresses are not allowed. Sleeves must have at least 1" of material beyond the bottom seam.
- Collars – front, side, and rear – must fall within 3" of the neck.
- Cleavage is noy allowed.
- Boys are not allowed to wear dresses/skirts.

Pants

- Pants must be worn at the waist, as defined at the top of the hip bones.
- NO yoga pants, leggings, or flare leg leggings will be worn as pants.
- Oversized, sagging or baggy pants are not allowed.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- Athletic pants or sweatpants are permissible if they have pockets and a draw string.
- Girls may wear Capri pants that extend beyond the bottom of the knee in a sitting position.
- Pants that have frays or holes of any type are not permitted.
- Boys are not allowed to wear Capri pants, Knickers, or the like.
- School appropriate shorts are approved for all grade levels. School appropriate is defined as extending past the fingertips with shoulders relaxed.
- Pants with more than one zipper, loops, or hoops are not permitted.
- Tights or leggings/flare leggings are not considered pants.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- House slippers, rubber thongs, or shower shoes are not allowed.

Face Coverings

The wearing of face covering is voluntary and is not required while students are in the building. If a student chooses to wear a face covering, it must be a mask and cannot be a neck gaiter. All face coverings may be free of any images, words and political slogans. Facial coverings may display official district, campus, Texas or American Flag logos.

Miscellaneous

- **Student I.D. should be worn and properly displayed throughout the day except during P.E. and recess.**
- The wearing of any type of pierced jewelry anywhere on the body is not allowed except for girls wearing earrings in their ears.
- Students are not permitted to wear other nontraditional piercings, including, nose rings, lip rings, tongue rings, eyebrow rings, body rings, gauges or spikes.
- Oral jewelry is not allowed.
- Writing or pictures are not allowed on the body at any time.
- Make-up is not allowed for students in 4^{th}-6^{th} grade.
- Boys may not wear nail polish, or color their fingernails.
- All tattoos, regardless of the location, must be completely covered at all times.
- Caps, hats, skull caps, dew rags, and sunshades, etc. are not to be worn inside the building.
- Proper undergarments are to be worn.
- Jackets, sweaters, and/or coats do not circumvent the dress code in any shape or form. The clothing underneath the jacket, sweater, or coat must meet all dress code regulations.
- Medical Modifications to the student general dress code may be granted on a case by case basis. The modifications will be subjected to considerations such as, but not limited to:
    - Medical statements from a physician indicating a medical condition will be worsened by adhering to the student general dress code.
    - The modifications are not for mere comfort or ease, but truly medical in nature.
    - Pregnancy does not circumvent the dress code.

Back Packs

Writing or designs will be school appropriate and is subject to the discretion of the campus administration.

Enforcement

- **If a student's apparel is considered inappropriate by the principal or his/her designee**, the inappropriate item will be confiscated, the student will be allowed to call for other clothing or will be placed in a school issued corrective clothing to be worn for the rest of the day, and the student will immediately be issued a dress code citation and must attend after school detention. If the student cannot correct the dress code violation, the student will be placed in I.S.S. the remainder of the school day. If a student receives more than four (4) after school detention citations in a one week period, each additional citation that week will constitute persistent misbehavior and be handled as a Level II Disciplinary Offense.

CONFISCATED ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED WHEN REPLACEMENT ITEM IS RETURNED, BUT EACH SUBSEQUENT ITEM CONFISCATED WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO PARENTS UNTIL THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL. ITEMS WILL BE DISCARDED AFTER THE TENTH BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL.

Any attire deemed distractive, lewd, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate by school administrators will not be allowed. The school reserves the right to establish rules during the school year regarding new fashions in dress.