New Braunfels ISD Dress Code

Goals:

Purpose: The student dress code is established to create a successful learning environment, model good citizenship, prevent disruptions, minimize safety hazards, and teach respect.

Basic Principle: All things worn must not distract from or interfere with the learning environment or present a safety or health hazard.

Expectations of All Students: Clothing and items worn that are considered offensive, inflammatory or disruptive to the learning environment are prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory, alcoholic beverages, profanity, sex, tobacco products, drugs, gangs/gang activity, guns and other weapons, excessively violent or gory imagery, and the promotion of violence and death.

Dress Code Specifications for All NBISD Students

Hair, Facial Hair, Grooming, and Hygiene

- Hair must be clean and well groomed.

Shirts and Tops

- No see-through, sheer fabric clothing.
- Clothing must not reveal bare midriffs at any time.
- Shirts/tops should not be revealing or low cut and must not reveal undergarments.
- Items of clothing considered to be undergarments may not be worn as outer garments.

Shorts, Pants, Skirts, and Dresses

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be mid-thigh (approx. fingertip length) all the way around.
- Holes, rips, mesh, frays and tears in jeans/pants/shorts or any clothing are allowed, but must be covered so that skin is not showing above mid-thigh (approx. fingertip length).
- Pants must not be baggy, sagging, or hanging below the waist. Pants must be high enough not to reveal undergarments. A belt is to be worn as needed.
- Fitted pants, including leggings and yoga pants, should be worn with a long top that is at least mid-thigh (approx. fingertip length).

Shoes

- Shoes will be worn at all times during the school day.
- No house slippers, shoes with wheels, or steel-toed shoes.
- Wearing tennis shoes daily is recommended because of PE and recess.

Tattoos, jewelry, chains, other accessories

- Tattoos and similar body painting(s) must be in alignment with expectations of all students. [Section Goals and Expectations]
- Students will not wear jewelry with sharp-pointed or round marble size objects, spikes, and/or chains (¼" link) of any type. Items will not be worn outside pockets or backpacks.
- All headgear like caps, hats, and hoodies are not allowed to be worn inside the building.
- Long/trench coats will not be worn in the school.

Additional Specifications

- No exposed tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, muscle shirts, or other body-hugging tops.
- Pajamas are not allowed
- Undergarments should not be visible or worn as school attire
    - Examples: boxer shorts, white undershirts, muscle-style athletic shirts, tank tops, camisoles, spaghetti strap tops, halter-tops, pajamas, and sports bras. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.

Extracurricular Activities

The dress code guidelines shall apply to regular school days and summer school days, as well as any school-related events and activities, such as graduation ceremonies, dances, field trips, school trips, and prom.

The campus principal may allow exceptions on special occasions or situations, such as wearing a hat inside the building on "hat day". These types of exceptions will be clearly conveyed to the students.

The principal, in cooperation with the coach or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity.

Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. *[Additional Rules]*

Dress Code Enforcement

School administrators have the final authority concerning the clothing and items worn during school hours.

If school administrators determine that a student's grooming or item being worn violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school.

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff will provide students in violation with these three (3) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:

- Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.

- If necessary, students' parents or designee may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.

The student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day until the problem is corrected.

Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the **Student Code of Conduct.** *(p. 39 Persistent Misbehavior)*

Students who feel they have been subject to discriminatory enforcement of the dress code should contact the Office of Student Services at 830-643-5704 to connect with the Director of Student Services.

Campus Options

Campuses may have a more restrictive dress code with approval from the Director of Student Services as long as a more restrictive policy aligns with the Goals and Values section of the Dress Code.

Campuses may require a formal uniform with review and approval by their campus administration, Director of Student Services, and approval by the Board. [See FNCA(LEGAL)]

Exceptions

Exceptions to these dress requirements are to be made as necessary to allow students to observe religious customs or beliefs and as necessary to accommodate medical or health needs.

Effective Date

This policy is effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.