

# **Community ISD**

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*

## **Student Dress and Grooming**

The Community Independent School District 's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. In the interest of grooming, students are expected to be neat and clean.

CISD is committed to providing a world class educational experience for each student. The dress and grooming guidelines should facilitate the school district's primary mission of providing a maximum learning experience for all students. The campus principals and teachers must have sufficient latitude to exercise professional judgment in determining which dress and grooming choices are within the guidelines and which are a violation of those standards. The following guidelines are provided to assist the parent and student in choosing appropriate dress for the school environment.

Efforts are being made by CISD to ensure the highest standards of performance for all CISD stakeholders and to promote a safe and secure environment that is free from the perception of fear, threat, or danger. The school environment will not be the appropriate place to test or display extreme styles in fashion or hairstyle. Also, as we prepare the leaders of tomorrow, we want to introduce them to the realities of personal presentation and first impressions in the world they will face following graduation.

The Dress/Grooming Code is intended to set clear limits for students, while still allowing students the freedom to have a variety of choices. The cooperation of parents and students along with the consistent and fair enforcement of this policy by teachers and administrators are essential to the effectiveness of these guidelines.

**The following modes of dress or grooming are strictly prohibited:**

### **Clothing:**

- Sleeveless T-Shirts and/or T-Shirts that display vulgarities, obscenities or offensive or suggestive prints, slogans, or logos
- Shirts, blouses, sweaters, or dresses that do not cover the back, waist, or midriff. This includes, but is not limited to, crop tops, tube tops, halters, and tank tops less than three inches in width
- Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than the longest fingertip and appropriate for sitting or climbing stairs
- Leggings without appropriate length of shorts and skirts
- Pants, shorts, and skirts worn below the waist ("sagging" garments are not acceptable)
- Trench coats and dusters
- Undergarments must be worn yet not visible
- Low-cut or cleavage-revealing shirts, blouses, or sweaters
- See through shirts (i.e. thin or mesh) without school appropriate undershirt
- Houseshoes
- Bare feet

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- Chains on clothing or wallets, or chains worn as necklaces (Refers to chains that are sufficiently heavy that could be used as a weapon)
- Holes in clothing without an appropriate sewn-in patch
- Any clothing or style that is disruptive or distracting in the judgment of the principal is inappropriate

#### **Grooming:**

- Student's hair, including facial hair, must be clean, groomed, does not create a distraction, and must be kept out of the eyes
- Head covering worn indoors except for religious reasons
- Bandanas, hairnets, skull caps, and hoods
- Jewelry – swastikas, pentagram, spoons, or other drug-related items
- Heavy or spiked jewelry (i.e. dog collars, heavy chains)
- Any piercings, except for in the ears (small, clear spacers will be allowed)
- Gauges
- Tattoos and body art must be covered at all times

The Principal, in connection with the teacher, sponsor, coach, or other designated person in charge of a particular instructional or extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Such additional standards shall be written and copies given to students and parents.

The following consequences will be assigned for dress code violations per semester:

- **First Offense** – student will call parents to deliver acceptable clothing and will remain in the office or ISS until the clothing arrives.
- **Second Offense** – the student will be assigned an after school detention. Student will call parents to deliver acceptable clothing and will remain in the office or ISS until the clothing arrives.
- **Third Offense** – the student will be assigned a day of ISS. Student will call parents to deliver acceptable clothing and will remain in the office or ISS until the clothing arrives.
- **Offenses thereafter** – student may be removed from campus for persistent noncompliance.
- **Hair** – students will have **three** school days to correct any length or color issues.