

2026-2027 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, provided that they comply with the following:

- (1) shall not lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities;
- (2) shall not create a health problem or safety hazard for the student or others
- (3) shall comply with the requirements set forth in the District's Dress and Grooming.

The guidelines herein shall not apply when a student is participating in physical education if compliance with the guidelines, at the discretion of the supervising educator or administrator, reasonably prevents a student from participating in such physical education.

The guidelines herein shall not apply to extracurricular activities if compliance with the guidelines, in the discretion of the supervising educator or administrator, reasonably prevents a student from participating in the extracurricular activity, such as athletics, theater arts, FFA, band, etc.

Shirts: Any article of clothing made from "see-through" material that covers a student's torso must be accompanied by appropriate clothing underneath the "see-through" garment. Appropriate undergarments must be worn.

Shirts must cover the stomach and extend beyond the student's natural waistline; as such, exposed midriffs shall not be permitted. Articles of clothing with low necklines that reveal cleavage shall not be permitted. In grades 4-12, sleeveless shirts must have a width of no less than 3 inches across the student's shoulder.

The District has deemed that the following articles of clothing constitute a disruption to the educational process:

1. Spaghetti straps; and
2. Any shirt that exposes the underarm or side of the torso.

Clothing:

All clothing must be appropriately sized. Pants and shorts, appropriately sized, including the legs and inseam (crotch), must be worn at the student's natural waistline and not intentionally expose the student's undergarment(s) or any portion of the student's buttocks. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. Shorts must reach at least 3 inches above the top of the student's kneecap and be properly hemmed or cuffed. Pants with holes, rips, or tears 3" above the knee must not show bare skin. Tights or other appropriate garments may be worn underneath.

In grades 4-12, students may wear stretch pants, tights, "jeggings," or yoga-style pants only when a blouse, shirt, or sweater drapes to mid-thigh or longer.

The District has deemed that the following articles of clothing constitute a disruption to the education process:

1. Pants adorned with chains or metal of any kind;
2. Pajamas or other forms of sleepwear;
3. Pants that reveal bare skin above 3" from the knee;
4. Trench coats;
5. Blankets are not permitted on campus.

Skirts and Dresses: Prekindergarten through 6th grade only may wear skirts and dresses that must be appropriately sized, worn at the student's natural waistline, and be properly hemmed to at least 3 inches above the student's kneecap or longer all the way around the student's body when the student is standing. Grades 7th through 12th skirts and dresses are prohibited. This provision shall not apply to skirts or dresses worn in conjunction with or as an expression of a student's sincerely held religious belief. To apply for an exemption, see the campus administrator.

Outerwear Clothing: All Outerwear clothing, such as sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, jackets, coats, etc., shall be worn appropriately sized in the student's shoulders, length, and sleeves.

Shoes: Students in all grade levels shall wear suitable footwear at all times when on school property or at school-related events. Heels or wedges over 2" shall not be permitted during regular school hours but may be worn during dances, celebrations, ceremonies, awards, and other extracurricular events as appropriate. House shoes or other footwear not designed for outdoor use shall not be permitted on school property or at school-related events.

Clothing, Jewelry, etc. with Words or Pictures: Pursuant to Groesbeck ISD Board Policy FNA(LEGAL), clothing worn on school property or at school-related activities may not display printed statements or pictures:

1. That is/are lewd, vulgar, or obscene;
2. That is/are related to or depicts sexual activity;
3. That promote violence in general or violence directed at any specific person or group of persons; or
4. That is related to or depicts the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

Jewelry & Accessories:

1. Only nose studs are acceptable for facial piercing(s); this excludes ear piercings.
2. No student shall wear dog collars or other animal accessories.
3. No student shall be permitted to wear jewelry in their mouth, such as "grills", "fronts", or other similar accessories.

4. Spiked accessories shall not be permitted.

5. No chains may be visibly dangling from wallets or other items of clothing.

6. Students shall not wear gloves or sunglasses indoors unless the student's parent, or the student if the student is over the age of 18, provides a note from a qualified medical provider stating that the wearing of gloves or sunglasses indoors is reasonably necessary for the student's education or health.

Tattoos: Large tattoos or a collection of small tattoos may not be visible during regular school hours and/or extracurricular activities. Facial tattoos are not permitted.

Grooming: Clothing, grooming, or any attire that identifies or connects a student with a gang is prohibited. (See definition of gang in FNCA(LEGAL)].

The principal will maintain and regularly update a list of clothing, grooming, and other attire that has been identified as gang-related and will make the list available to teachers and parents for review.

Hair and Facial Hair: Hair shall, at all times, be kept well-groomed and clean. Groesbeck ISD does not discriminate against a hair texture or protected hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race. As used herein, the term “protected hairstyle” includes braids, locks, and twists.

Head Coverings: Possession of head coverings, such as caps, hats, do-rags, bandanas, etc., shall not be permitted. “Hoodies” may only be worn with the hood completely off the student’s head. This provision shall not apply to a head covering worn in conjunction with or as an expression of a student's sincerely held religious belief. To apply for an exemption, see the campus administrator.

Campus administration may use reasonable and professional judgment in situations regarding dress and grooming as needed. If the principal or other appropriate administrator determines that a student’s grooming or clothing violates the school’s dress and grooming 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 or administrator will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student to minimize the loss of instructional time. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The school dress code will be in effect for all school-sponsored events and trips and for the duration of the event/trip. If the principal or administrator 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.

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