TAFT ISD STUDENT DRESS CODE
2026-2027

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students must be in dress code upon arrival at campus. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, if they comply with the following:

1. Students' appearance should be neat, clean, and appropriate for an educational environment.
2. Facial hair should be neatly groomed and trimmed. Sideburns should be kept trimmed and remain above the earlobe.
3. Eyebrows may not be partially shaven or have designs.
4. Hair shall be kept neat, clean, well-groomed, and out of eyes. The CROWN Act (Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair) prohibiting race-based hair discrimination will be in place.
5. All shirts/dresses must have sleeves. Shoulders or undergarments should not be exposed.
6. Articles of clothing or other accessories shall not be worn or used to advertise, promote, or be associated with sex, violence, alcohol, drugs, death, hate slogans, gang activities or inappropriate pictures.
7. Shirts and blouses are not required to be tucked in; however, garments must provide full coverage of the torso, and midriffs may not be exposed.
8. Appropriate closed-toe shoes must always be worn. Steel toe shoes, cleats, taps, or wheels are not allowed. For safety reasons, students must wear tennis shoes for physical education (PE) and recess.
9. Pants must be worn at the waist. No baggy or sagging pants will be allowed.
10. Earrings are allowed to be worn on the earlobes.
11. No headwear (i.e. caps, hats, and hoodies) should be worn indoors at any time. Items will be taken up and returned at the end of the day. Repeated offenses may result in confiscation until the end of the semester.
12. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors.
13. Mouth grills may not be worn on any campus.
14. Inappropriate tattoos must be covered at school and school-sanctioned activities.
15. Body ornamentation, except for standard ear piercings and small nose studs, is prohibited. Nose rings, tongue rings, gauges, plugs, tapers, spacers, and other visible body piercings are not permitted. Covering prohibited body ornamentation with bandages, spacers, or other materials does not exempt students from compliance with this policy.
16. House shoes, pajamas, and blankets are not appropriate attire and are not permitted at school.
17. Fitted, tapered leggings are not permitted as a substitute for pants or other bottom garments.
18. Jeans with holes or rips must not reveal skin above the knee. Holes covered with tape or other temporary means are not acceptable.
19. Shorts, skirts, and athletic attire must be an appropriate length and always provide adequate coverage, including before school and during athletics.
20. Student dress code guidelines apply to school sanctioned activities.
21. The discretion of the principal or his/her designee will prevail.

If an administrator determines whether 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. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to In-School Suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The principal, in collaboration with the sponsor, coach, or other individual responsible for an extracurricular activity, may establish additional dress and grooming standards for participating students**. Extracurricular participants may be subject to stricter expectations due to safety considerations, uniformity, and representation of the district**. Students who fail to comply with these standards may be suspended or removed from participation for a period determined by the principal, sponsor, or coach and may also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. (See FO, FOA, FOD)