

SKIDMORE -TYNAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DRESS CODE

2015-2016

It is recognized in the Skidmore-Tynan Schools that cleanliness, personal appearance, and proper dress habits are important in determining the pattern of school and social conduct. Subject to the educational process, appearance of students at school is a responsibility which rests primarily with the parents/guardian of the students. The school becomes involved in that responsibility when the total appearance of the student body, or of individuals within the student body, affect directly the attitude, safety, health, behavior, and learning environment within the school. **This District dress code applies any time the student is on school property or at a school-sponsored event.**

THE PRINCIPALS OR DESIGNEE OF EACH CAMPUS ARE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE STANDARDS FOR PROPER STUDENT GROOMING. PRINCIPALS OR DESIGNEE WILL DETERMINE IF ATTIRE IS APPROPRIATE AND MEETS THE DRESS CODE. IF AND WHEN THE PRINCIPAL TAKES ACTION, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL ACTION FOR THE STUDENT.

The following dress code guidelines will be enforced:

1. Student appearance will be judged by neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness.
2. Dress and appearance codes may be altered for special events at the approval of the administrator.
3. Other than the special provisions mentioned above, the following list applies to all students:

Student's age will also be taken into consideration in determining appropriateness and appearance.

General Clothing

The students must be fully and appropriately dressed in a way that is **not distracting to the educational process.** Clothing which is revealing and/or does not fit properly will not be allowed.

- See-through clothing of any kind will not be allowed unless dress code appropriate garments are worn underneath.
- Any attire with an inappropriately low front neckline or that is backless will not be allowed.
- Any attire deemed too tight or too loose will not be allowed.
- Appropriate undergarments will be worn, but not visible.
- Clothing and/or accessories painted, printed or stamped with obscene, vulgar, or suggestive language or scenes are prohibited. Clothes and/or accessories painted, printed or stamped with language or scenes depicting death (skull head, etc.), occultism, sex or sexual inferences/innuendos, violence, blood, gore, tobacco, controlled substances, alcohol, obscene/vulgar language/scenes, anti-social behavior, weapons, or gang-related symbols or icons are prohibited. Any gang related attire/paraphernalia including chains is prohibited.
- Clothing with rips, tears and/or holes that are distracting and/or in inappropriate places will not be allowed. Rips, tears and/or holes above the knees will not be allowed if skin is visible.
- Writing or markings with pens, markers, etc. on clothing will not be allowed.
- Any shirt, dress, shorts, or pants deemed to be underwear or pajamas will not be allowed.
- Coats and jackets must be appropriate for school. **Oversized coats and trench coats are not allowed.**

Hats & Caps

- Hats, caps, head-covers of any type, and sunglasses will not be worn inside the school buildings at anytime during the instructional day. These items are reserved for outdoor use as deemed appropriate by the campus principal or designee. Caps will be worn appropriately at all times.
- No bandanas allowed.

Hair

- All students' hair shall be kept neat, clean, and well groomed. Hair is to be kept so as to not become excessively bushy.
- Hair styles and colors of **extreme** exhibitionist nature will not be allowed. Designs cut into the hair, rattails, and/or hair-strands will not be allowed.
- Boys' & Girls' hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed at all times. Distracting hairstyles such as **extreme** dyed hair, or painted hair, spikes, tails, or partially shaved head/hair is not allowed. The hair must be uniformly cut with no designs or insignias cut into the hair. Hair must be neatly styled and must not cover the eyes or hang in front of the face. Sideburns must be neatly groomed and not extend beyond the bottom of the earlobe. The length of boys' hair (hair may not be pinned up or in a ponytail) must not extend past the top of a dress shirt collar, cannot completely cover the ears, and must be worn in a manner that does not disrupt the educational environment.

Facial Hair/Make Up

- Facial hair will not be allowed. Mustaches and/or partial or full beards are not permitted.
- Make-up and nail polish may be worn by female students only.
- **Make-up and acrylic nails for elementary students is not permitted.**

Earrings & Accessories

- No more than two earrings are allowed to be worn on each ear.
- No other studs or rings may be worn on the face, nose, eyebrows, lips or tongue. This includes any plastic, metal or "holder" used to keep the piercing open.
- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.
- Students are not allowed to display any other body piercing.
- Wallets with chains are not allowed. Dog chains may not be worn as jewelry or accessory by any student.
- Bracelets, necklaces, and belts that have spikes of any kind or size are not allowed.

Tattoos

- Tattooing is highly discouraged. Visible tattoos and similar body painting(s) that promote violence or reflect gang activity are prohibited. Visible tattoos and similar body painting(s) 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, drugs, gangs, guns and other weapons, excessively violent or gory imagery and the promotion of violence.
- Marking of any body parts with ink, markers or permanent markers will not be allowed.

Shirts

- Oversized shirts or blouses are not allowed. Crop tops, tank tops, cut off shirts and blouses, or any blouse that does not extend past the waist are not allowed. Any bare midriffs, racerbacks or spaghetti straps will not be permitted.

Pants

- Pants must be worn at the waist, not sagging or dragging. Sag or bag clothing **cannot** be worn at school or any school function.
- Tights, yoga pants, tight leggings/jeggings may not be worn unless the top meets dress code length for skirts.
- Rips, tears and/or holes above the knees will not be allowed if skin is visible.

Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses

- Appropriately fitting walking shorts and skirts may be worn.
- The length for all dresses, shorts, skirts, and skorts should be to the top of the knee. This includes clothing worn over tights – leggings, etc.
- Biker shorts, boxer shorts, wind shorts, cutoffs or tight and revealing shorts are not allowed.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times. **House shoes are not acceptable.**
- **Athletic shoes are expected for all P.E. classes.**
- Students are allowed to wear appropriate sandals and flip-flops. However, for safety purposes, parents of elementary students are asked to exercise caution when sending their child(ren) wearing flip flops or sandals.

Enforcement of Dress Code

- ***The entire staff will enforce the dress code.*** When the violation requires change of clothing to be corrected, the student will be sent to the principal or designee and given an opportunity to change clothes. Students who are unable to meet dress code guidelines will be assigned to In-School Suspension until dress code guidelines are met. Repeated dress code violations will result in further disciplinary action.
- The administrator in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other persons in charge of an extracurricular activity will regulate dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period of time determined by the administrator or sponsor and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- If it becomes necessary, the principal or delegated school official will counsel with individual students and their parent/guardian concerning the appearance of the students. If counseling does not produce the desired result, the principal will take whatever action he/she deems necessary to insure appropriateness, health, safety and appearance.
- **The principal has the authority to make a ruling on any controversial dress code issue in question.**
- If and when the principal takes action, it will be considered final action for the student. Appeal of the principal's decision must be filed in writing and submitted to the District Superintendent only by the parent or legal guardian of the involved student. The Superintendent will serve as the final administrative authority.