

2019-2020 SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT DRESS CODE & PERSONAL GROOMING REQUIREMENTS

All Grades

The standards for dress and grooming have been established to teach good grooming and hygiene, instill discipline and modesty, demonstrate respect for authority, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and provide a positive learning atmosphere. Dress and grooming standards promote responsibility and self-esteem, thus preparing students to be ready for the adult world in higher education and the work place. Students will not be allowed to leave school to change clothes, unless approved by the principal. Approval to leave campus for changing clothes will be given ONLY in cases of extreme necessity or emergency. Parents will be asked to bring clothing to school for a student, if necessary.

Expectations for Student Dress:

- Any accessory or clothing item deemed unsuitable for school by the administration will be prohibited.
- Any accessory or clothing item adorned with metals that could create delays at campus metal detectors should not be worn.
- Clothing items and accessories should not depict or promote the occult, gang memberships, death, suicide, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sex.
- Clothing should be washed and clean.
- Clothing with tears and holes will not be acceptable if skin is revealed. Students wearing distressed jeans should have holes no more than 4" above the knee.
- Clothing should not be sheer or "see through."
- Clothing must be of an appropriate size for the student (shirts and pants not tight or excessively large, baggy, or long).
- All clothing fasteners must be utilized appropriately.
- Appropriate undergarments should be worn and not visible
- Short blouses or shirts are not acceptable at school. The mid-section, or stomach area, must be covered. If the mid-section is exposed when hands are raised over the head, the blouse or shirt is too short. Tank tops, cut-off shirts, or shirts/blouses that expose the upper torso are unacceptable.
- Any clothing that brings undue attention is considered disruptive and unacceptable (including tops that reveal too much cleavage).
- Clothing items and accessories should not contain "racially divisive" materials, flags or insignia.

Grooming:

- Students should come to school bathed and free of body odor.
- Hair should be neat and clean, and should not be distracting to the learning environment.
- Extreme hairstyles will not be allowed (carvings, spikes, designs, Mohawks, etc.)
- Eyebrows cannot be extremely colored, carved, notched, etc.

Unnatural looking contact lenses are prohibited.

Make-up/Body Art:

Violent, profane, and sexual *visible* tattoos (temporary or permanent), face painting, body art or personal body drawings are not appropriate and must be covered.

Accessories:

- Chains other than jewelry will not be allowed.
- Spiked jewelry of any kind is not allowed.
- “Dog collars” are not allowed.
- Sunglasses, hats, caps, bandannas, scarves, hoods, or other headwear are not allowed in school or on buses.
- Visible body piercings should not be distracting to the learning environment.
- Gang-related clothing or articles are not allowed, including bandannas, towels, beads, etc.

Dress Standards

All clothing items will be addressed below to describe specific requirements.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be worn at all times at school.
- Laces on shoes must be tied appropriately.
- “House slippers” or “house shoes” are not allowed.
- Shoes with rollers (“heelies”) are not permitted unless the rollers have been removed.
- Students may not wear flip-flops to school in grades Pre-K through 8. Students may wear flip-flops in grades 9-12. Certain classes or teachers may require students to wear “closed toe” shoes as part of the activities that may occur in the course. This will be announced in advance where possible by the teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to comply with this requirement.

Shirts/Blouses/Sweaters/Sweatshirts – May be any color or style, EXCEPT the following:

- Backless or halter tops.
- Bare midriffs, low-cut or exposing cleavage.
- Gang-affiliated.
- Pajamas.
- See-through or sheer.
- Off the shoulder
- “Spaghetti” straps, thin straps, or strapless.
- Tube tops.
- Advertise sex, alcohol, drugs, tobacco or any product related to sex, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
- Inappropriate advertising, pictures, slogans, or statements, including gang memberships or affiliations.

Pants:

Pants (jeans or slacks) must fit and be worn at the waist (no sagging). No baggy, oversized, or wide-legged pants are allowed.

- “See through” pants/jeans/slacks with “distressed” areas more than 4” above the knee.
- Pajama pants are not allowed in school.
- Overalls are allowed if worn appropriately over an approved dress code shirt/blouse.
- Capri pants (pants reaching the mid-calf or below) are acceptable.
- “Yoga pants”/ “body fitting” pants are allowed **IF** a shirt/top is worn over the pants that reaches mid-thigh length.

Shorts:

- Shorts may be any color and must be hemmed.
- Shorts must fit and be worn at the waist (no sagging). No baggy or oversized shorts are allowed.
- Spandex, lycra, or other tight, "body fitting" shorts are not allowed at school.
- Shorts must be “walking shorts” style and no shorter than 4” above the knee.
- Shorts that have a flap designed to simulate a skirt (“skort”) are allowed if they are no shorter than 4” above the knee.

Skirts/Jumpers:

- Any color skirt /jumper are allowed. Denim is permissible.
- The hemline of skirts and jumpers must be no shorter than 4” above the knee. This includes long shirts worn as dresses.
- Tight, form-fitting skirts and jumpers are not allowed at school (no lycra or spandex).
- Slits in skirts/jumpers may not be any shorter than 4” above the knee.

Dresses:

- Any color dress is allowed, including denim.
- Dresses must have sleeves.
- The hemline of dresses must be no shorter than 4” above the knee.
- Tight, form-fitting dresses are not allowed at school (no lycra or spandex).
- Slits in dresses may not be more than 4” above the knee.
- Plunging necklines, exposed cleavage, and bare backs are not appropriate for school.

Outerwear:

- Outerwear is defined as clothing designed to protect from the elements, such as coats and jackets.
- Coats and jackets should be of an appropriate size/fitted, should not be below the hip in length, and may be worn over dress code attire in inclement weather.
- Long coats of any style (trench coats, dusters, overcoats, military-type jackets) and jackets with an excessive amount of inner and outer pockets are not acceptable as a form of outerwear and will not be accepted at school.
- Any item of outerwear deemed unsuitable for school by the administration will be prohibited, including, but not limited to, those that depict or promote the occult, gang memberships, death,

suicide, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sex.

Shirts and t-shirts are not considered outerwear and, if out of dress code, cannot be worn over shirts in dress code. Any clothing worn under outerwear must comply with dress requirements.

The district prohibits any other clothing or grooming that, in the principal's or designee's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.