

## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The dress and grooming standards of the Alpine Independent School District are meant to promote a positive, professional learning environment where the focus is on instruction and not on clothing. Clothing, hairstyles and accessories meet reasonable, school-appropriate standards that support a safe school environment. Students shall come to school looking clean, neat and ready to learn. The District prohibits pictures, emblems or writings on materials or clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, and immodest or promote or refer to alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited under policy AISD Board Policy.

The District also prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal operations. Shirts, face coverings or other clothing items depicting or promoting acts of violence, guns, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, gang activity or affiliation or other offensive items or wording are specifically prohibited.

### **Elementary School Students**

The following statements serve as guidelines so that there is no question of what is acceptable.

- "Sagging pants" are not allowed. Jeans, slacks, shorts and all other pants must be worn at or about the waist at all times. Even if a shirt is extremely long, the pants must be worn at the waist. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- Inappropriate exercise clothing will not be allowed without an appropriate covering garment.
- Tears, frayed or ragged edges, and holes must be below fingertip length on any article of clothing.
- Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas, and other headwear are not to be brought into the building.
- Students may not wear colored hair paint or colored gel or have hair in an unnatural color. Hairstyles or unnatural hair colors that, in the judgment of the school administrator, cause a disruption of the educational environment are not allowed.
- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. No undergarments or pajamas are to be worn as outerwear.
- Shoes must be worn at all times; house shoes are not permitted. Tennis shoes must be worn in physical education classes. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Flip-flops are not allowed, as these types of shoes can pose a hazard on the playground.
- Earrings are permissible. All other visible body-piercing jewelry or ornaments are prohibited. Earrings are to be no more than 2 inches in diameter. Earrings with chains attached and gauges will not be allowed.
- Reasonable standards of modesty must be met.

- Shorts that extend to or below the students' fingertips when their arms are held to their sides are acceptable.
- Sleeveless tops with a minimum width of two-inch wide straps are acceptable. The shirt straps must be wide enough to cover undergarments.
- See-through, bare midriff, halter type, shoulder-baring, spaghetti strap blouses or any revealing or low-cut clothing is not permitted. Shirt hems should extend well below the waist of pants/shorts/skirts in a sitting or standing position. Dresses, skirts and shorts must extend to or below the students' fingertips when their arms are held to their sides.
- Tights, leggings, jeggings, and other form-fitting pants must be worn with shirts, skirts, or shorts that extend to fingertip length.

***Middle School Students:***

The following statements serve as guidelines so that there is no question of what is acceptable.

- "Sagging pants" are not allowed. Jeans, slacks, shorts and all other pants must be worn at or about the waist at all times. Even if a shirt is extremely long, the pants must be worn at the waist. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- Tears, frayed or ragged edges, and holes must be below fingertip length on any article of clothing.
- Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas are not permitted to be worn in the building.
- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. No undergarments or pajamas are to be worn as outerwear.
- Shoes must be worn; house shoes are not permitted. Tennis shoes must be worn in physical education classes. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Shower shoes are not allowed.
- Earrings are permissible. All other visible body-piercing jewelry or ornaments are prohibited. Earrings are to be no more than 2 inches in diameter. Earrings with chains attached and gauges will not be allowed.
- Dresses, skirts and shorts that extend to or below the students' fingertips when their arms are held to their sides are acceptable.
- Tights, leggings, jeggings, and other form-fitting pants must be worn with dresses, shirts, skirts, or shorts that extend to or below fingertip length.
- See-through, bare midriff, halter-type, shoulder-baring (unless they have at least a 2" shoulder strap), or spaghetti strap blouses or any revealing or low-cut clothing is not permitted. Shirt hems should extend well below the waist of pants/shorts/skirts whether in a sitting or standing position.
- Underwear-type sleeveless shirts, athletic tank tops and jerseys with large arm holes, beach wear, swim wear, halter tops, and tube tops are not appropriate or acceptable. Shoulder straps on tops and other clothing must be a minimum of two inches in width and must cover the undergarments.
- Hoodies and sweatshirts must be appropriately sized. Hoods are not to be worn at school. Wearing a hood can result in a hoodie being confiscated and a student losing the right to wear hooded clothing.

- Grooming: Facial hair will be kept neatly trimmed and presentable.
- Hair will be of natural color, students may not wear colored hair paint or colored gel or have hair in an unnatural color, kept neatly trimmed and presentable with no designs outlined in hair and eyebrows.
- No Mohawks (a hairstyle with a narrow center strip of usually upright hair and sides of the head shaved) of any kind that draw attention to an individual will be allowed.
- Reasonable standards of modesty must be met.

### ***High School Students:***

The following statements serve as guidelines so that there is no question of what is acceptable.

- “Sagging pants” are not allowed. Jeans, slacks, shorts and all other pants must be worn at or about the waist at all times. Even if a shirt is extremely long, the pants must be worn at the waist. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- Tears, frayed or ragged edges, and holes must be below fingertip length on any article of clothing.
- Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas are not permitted to be worn in the building.
- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. No undergarments or pajamas are to be worn as outerwear.
- Shoes must be worn; house shoes are not permitted. Tennis shoes must be worn in physical education classes. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Shower shoes are not allowed.
- Earrings and single nose studs are permissible. All other visible body-piercing jewelry or ornaments are prohibited. Earrings are to be no more than 2 inches in diameter. Earrings with chains attached and gauges will not be allowed.
- Dresses, skirts and shorts that extend to or below the students’ fingertips when their arms are held to their sides are acceptable.
- Tights, leggings, jeggings, and other form-fitting pants must be worn with dresses, shirts, skirts, or shorts that extend to or below fingertip length.
- See-through, bare midriff, halter-type, shoulder-baring (unless they have at least a 2” shoulder strap), or spaghetti strap blouses or any revealing or low-cut clothing is not permitted. Shirt hems should extend well below the waist of pants/shorts/skirts whether in a sitting or standing position.
- Underwear-type sleeveless shirts, athletic tank tops and jerseys with large arm holes, beach wear, swim wear, halter tops, and tube tops are not appropriate or acceptable. Shoulder straps on tops and other clothing must be a minimum of two inches in width and must cover the undergarments.
- Hoodies and sweatshirts must be appropriately sized. Hoods are not to be worn at school. Wearing a hood can result in a hoodie being confiscated and a student losing the right to wear hooded clothing.

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If the principal 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.