

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

Paradise ISD has established the following student dress code to promote community pride and spirit, to promote self-discipline, to encourage proper grooming and hygiene practices, and to insure the educational efficiency of the school system. Students at Paradise ISD are asked to have pride in their appearance at all times.

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standard, provided that they comply with the below listed guidelines.

1. Students may wear loose fitting, hemmed shorts, or skorts. The length must be no shorter than the longest fingertip when arms are extended and hands held flat against the leg. Due to growth and development of students, fingertip length may be deemed inappropriate at the administrator's discretion.
2. Halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tube tops, undergarments worn as outerwear, or cut/torn articles of clothing will not be allowed. Sleeveless shirts or blouses may be worn by girls, but must have a shoulder strap width of 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill with backs completely covered). Boys will wear shirts with sleeves. Tank tops and muscle shirts are not allowed. Visible cleavage when sitting or standing is NOT allowed. Any garment that shows any inappropriate part of the body due to sitting, bending, or raising hands and are a distraction to the educational process will not be allowed.
3. No caps, hats, sweatbands, bandanas, or headwear may be worn in any building on campus during school hours. When taken up, they become property of the principal.
4. No clothing may be inappropriately worn or contain inappropriate pictures, slogans, or advertisements.
5. Underclothing, boxer shorts, etc. need to remain unseen. Bike shorts, spandex, and Lycra may be worn only as an undergarment.
6. Body piercing adornments are limited to female ears. No earrings shall be worn by boys, including spacers or other items used in pierced ears or Band-Aids covering earrings. Inappropriate, excessive, or distracting jewelry will be removed upon request.
7. Skirts, dresses and slits in skirts and dresses must be no shorter than the longest fingertip when arms are extended and hands held flat against the leg. Leggings may be worn under dresses as long as the dress meets length requirements and is not transparent. Due to growth and development of students, fingertip length may be deemed inappropriate at the administrator's discretion.
8. Male students must be clean-shaven at all times. Sideburns are allowed, if they are neatly trimmed and no longer than the bottom of the ear.
9. Hair for all students must be out of the eyes and clean. Hair for male students will be styled so that it is off the collar, out of the eyes, and ears are completely visible, with no tails or braids. Hair thickness will not exceed 2" on the top of the head and 1" on the sides and back of the head.
10. Hair must be a naturally occurring human hair color.
11. Tattoos must be covered at all times.
12. Shoes will be worn at all times and properly fastened. No sleepwear of any kind is permitted as clothing, including house shoes.

13. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the buildings.
14. Chains, ropes, cords, or other items that could be used as a weapon or are deemed a health or safety hazard will not be brought to school or school sponsored activities on or off school premises.
15. Pants, jeans, and shorts will be fitted or belted at the normal waist level (no baggy, sagging styles or ones with oversized bellbottoms). Students who violate this rule may be required to tuck in their shirt.
16. Clothing should be free of holes.

If a student is not within the guidelines of the Dress Code, the student will have two options.

- Have someone bring the student clothing that adheres to the Dress Code within a reasonable amount of time, or
- Spend the remainder of the day in ISS

If a student is not within the guidelines of the Dress Code regarding hair, the student will be given a suitable time frame by the administration to ensure their hair is within Dress Code. If the student does not comply, they may be placed in ISS or suspended.

The administration has the discretion to limit any other dress and grooming that is deemed inappropriate or distracting to the educational process.

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