

Garner ISD Student Dress Code

Students and parents may determine the specifics of a student's personal dress and grooming provided that it does not:

1. Give school officials reason to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities or
2. Create a health or safety hazard for the student or others at the school.

Examples/Explanation to be considered:

Hair and Makeup:

- Hair shall be neat, clean, and well groomed.
- Hair must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face.
- No extreme style or color that is reasonably likely to cause disruption shall be allowed including any unnatural hair colors such as red, purple, blue, green, etc.
- Makeup should be tasteful and appropriate to the situation.
- Male students must be clean shaven, and hair must be above the collar.

Shirts:

- Appropriate undergarments must be worn but kept out of sight at all times.
- Shirts must not reveal excessive skin in the shoulder/armpit area.
- No advertisements or references to inappropriate material including but not limited to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, the occult, death, suicide, sexism, or gangs.
- No low-cut necklines or exposed midriffs (even when bending over or sitting).
- Nothing excessively tight or excessively loose.
- Spaghetti straps and shoulder cut-outs are permissible as long as undergarments don't show and the shirt meets all other guidelines.
- Shirts that are see-through or containing holes must be worn over another layer.

Pants:

- Pants must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist.
- Torn or frayed areas must be trimmed and neat.
- Skin must not show through holes or tears (whether by design or not) higher than 3 inches above the knee or in excess anywhere else.
- Leggings (or other similar elastic waistband tights or tight pants) must be worn in conjunction with a shirt, skirt, dress, or shorts that ends no more than 3 inches from the top of the kneecap.

Skirts, Dresses, and Shorts:

- All must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist.
- Highest point of the bottom hem (including a slit) must end no more than 3.5 inches from the top of the kneecap when standing tall with arms at side.

- Dresses should also adhere to all shirt guidelines above.
- Shorts should also adhere to all pant guidelines above.

Shoes:

- Shoes should be appropriate for each activity (PE, Recess, Classtime, Field Trips, Science Lab, etc.).
- No house shoes/slippers, shoes with wheels, cleats, spikes, taps, or sharp studs.
- Shoes with lights or other special features must not be a classroom distraction.

Jewelry/Accessories:

- Nothing identified or understood by others to be inappropriate or offensive may be worn.
- No chains on pockets, wallets, footwear, pants, or backpacks.
- No body piercings or spacers other than earrings for females.
- Bandages, tape, or other covering for body/ear piercings or spacers is not allowed – inappropriate jewelry must be removed.
- Sunglasses are only appropriate outside and must be removed immediately upon staff request.
- Non-prescription eyewear is prohibited unless a parent/guardian sends a note for over the counter reading glasses to be worn.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, and other head coverings are not allowed inside the building without special permission.
- Writing/drawing/markings on the skin is not permitted.

General Notes:

- Final determination for the appropriateness of all dress and grooming is at the discretion of Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Roach. Any staff member or student who is concerned about a potential dress code violation shall refer the matter directly to one of them.
- Students may keep a change of clothes in their locker in the event of a needed change. Otherwise, a parent may be requested to bring a replacement. Unless/until the matter is resolved, the student may be either issued a temporary clothing item or work in the office.
- Repeated, intentional, or serious dress code violations may result in additional discipline measures.
- School-approved wear for PE, Athletics, Pep Rallies, etc. may be worn only during the class or activity for which they are approved.
- Special events and dress up days are subject to general dress code standards with certain exceptions as communicated in advance by Mrs. Shaw.