

## **Student Dress Code (All Grade Levels) – can be found in Board Policy under FNCA (LOCAL) and in the ECISD Student Handbook / Code of Conduct**

The district's dress code is established to prevent disruption, create an orderly environment, and minimize safety hazards

Students shall comply with the following:

- Students should wear garments, shoes, jewelry, accessories, and hairstyles that:
  - contribute to a distraction-free learning environment.
- Any attire or accessory that is distracting or disturbing will not be permitted on school property. This includes clothing that is too short, too revealing, too loose, baggy, sagging, low-cut, see-through, spaghetti-strapped, or backless.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist and must not reveal underclothing. Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh in length or longer.
- Leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants must be opaque and worn with an appropriate shirt to mid-thigh.
- Oversized outerwear, such as trench coats or dusters, are not allowed.
- Appropriate footwear is required. House shoes, slippers, and shoes with wheels are not allowed.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, head covers, or scarves may not be worn indoors except in the interest of religious or cultural practices, for a medical purpose, or with permission of the principal.
- Tattoos, accessories, jewelry, and clothing items that contain vulgar or inappropriate pictures, words, or drawings or gang-related markings are not allowed.
- School-approved uniforms for physical education, athletics, pep rallies, etc. may be worn only during the class or activity for which they are approved. For unique special events, the campus administration may establish event-specific dress code requirements.
- Students participating in school-related activities, such as extracurricular or UIL activities or other special functions, may have a different dress or grooming code required by the sponsor, coach, or campus administration.
- **All high school and middle school students are required to use clear or mesh backpacks.** Students participating in a campus-approved extracurricular activity are permitted to carry non-transparent bags to store items pertaining to their particular activity (i.e. band, athletics, etc.). Upon entry into the school, all extracurricular activity bags must be stored in lockers or designated areas. Non-transparent bags may be subject to reasonable search. (Additionally, the maximum size for non-transparent bags that students may carry during the day, such as lunch kits, pencil bags, and purses, is approximately 5" x 8" x 1".) Elementary school students will be allowed to continue using traditional backpacks.
- Standardized attire policy takes precedence over dress code for uniform schools.

Students who violate the dress code will be asked to correct it. If the violation cannot be corrected, the student shall be referred to the principal's office. The final decision regarding a dress code violation is at the discretion of the campus principal. If the principal determines that a student is in violation of dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension until the problem is corrected. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**Purpose**

The District’s dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

**General Guidelines**

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal’s judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene;
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other illegal substance;

The student and the parent may determine the student’s personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out above and with student dress code outlined in student handbook.

**Extracurricular Activities**

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]

**Standard Attire**

Standard attire policy on individual uniform campuses must be followed and takes precedence over the regular dress code.