

Schulenburg ISD District Dress Code

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene; create and maintain a respectful and positive learning environment; prevent disruption or distraction; and minimize health and safety hazards. Student dress and grooming are the responsibility of the students and their parents. The student's general appearance must meet the common standards for decency, modesty, and good taste.

Enforcement

The school dress code must be followed at all school and extra-curricular events. All school teachers, administrators and staff have the authority to enforce the dress code. School administrators have the final say on all dress code decisions.

The principal, in connection with a sponsor, coach or other person (s) in charge of any extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in or attend any school activity.

Schulenburg students attending school athletic, UIL, and other extra-curricular activities are expected to dress modestly and in good taste. Students wearing clothing that does not meet acceptable community standards for modesty, cleanliness, and appropriateness will be asked by the administrator on duty to change into appropriate clothes. The administrator on duty has the authority to ask a student to leave the premises for non-compliance.

Violations

At all campuses, 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. This may include changing into clothing provided by the 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.

General Dress Code Guidelines:

- ◆ All clothing must be neat, clean, and free of visible rips, holes, tears, and frays.
- ◆ All clothing must be sized and worn appropriately. Clothing may not be excessively tight, oversized, or baggy.
- ◆ Clothing may not have pictures, designs, emblems, symbols, slogans, logos, or language that are rude, lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or pornographic and/or involving,

advising, relating to, depicting, or suggesting gangs, gangsters, gang affiliation, demonic emblems, weapons, violence, full or partial nudity, sex, alcohol, tobacco, drugs or any other type of controlled substances or outlawed/prohibited items.

- ◆ See-through attire is unacceptable unless an article of clothing is worn underneath that complies with the dress code.
- ◆ At no time should undergarments, including underwear, boxers, or bra straps, be visible.
- ◆ Students may not wear spandex, boxers, pajamas, or other sleepwear as outerwear.
- ◆ All clothing must be worn as designed to be worn (i.e. not backwards or inside out).
- ◆ Tattoos or personalized ink drawings must be covered at all times while in the classroom, on school grounds, at school activities, or at school-sponsored events.
- ◆ Sunglasses or other eyewear that are not worn for medical reasons are prohibited from being worn inside the school buildings.
- ◆ Bandanas are not permitted to be worn anywhere on the person.

Pants/Shorts/Capris

- ◆ Must fit properly in the waist and at the crotch and be worn appropriately secured so as not to slide down past the hips.
- ◆ Boxers/underwear should not be visible.
- ◆ May not sag or bag at the waist or drag on the ground.
- ◆ No tight or form-fitting clothing, including tights, spandex or stretch-pants, may be worn unless under apparel that complies with dress code (i.e. leggings under an appropriate skirt or dress.)
- ◆ Must be properly hemmed and/or cuffed with no visible fray, rips, holes, or tears.
- ◆ Shorts cannot be more than 2 inches above the knee.

Skirts/Dresses

- ◆ Dresses, jumpers and skirts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. The same standard applies to slits or slashes in skirts or dresses.
- ◆ Due to physical activities during the regular school day, elementary students must wear shorts or bloomers under dresses or skirts.

Shirts/Tops

- ◆ Shirts/Tops must be worn at all times while in the classroom, on school grounds, or at school-related or school-sponsored events.
- ◆ Undergarments, including bra straps, may not be visible.
- ◆ Sleeveless, off-the-shoulder, low-cut, backless, and/or spandex/leotard tops are not permitted.

- ◆ Shirts/tops must be long enough to cover the midriff, even when arms are raised over the student's head.

Footwear

- ◆ For reasons of health and safety, shoes must be worn at all times.
- ◆ Due to physical activities during the regular school day, only athletic shoes with socks are allowed for elementary students.
- ◆ Shoes must be properly tied or fastened at all times.
- ◆ House shoes, house slippers, shower shoes, or any type of roller shoes are not permitted.

Outerwear

- ◆ Must be appropriately sized and worn over clothing that is compliant with dress code.
- ◆ Fleece and lightweight jackets, sweatshirts, or sweaters may be worn in the classroom.
- ◆ Any other appropriate outerwear garment not fitting the description above may be worn to school but must be removed upon entering the classroom.

Hair and Grooming

- ◆ Hair must be clean, neat, trimmed and groomed.
- ◆ Hair must be kept out of the eyes and must not be a distraction to the student or the learning environment.
- ◆ Boy's hair length may cover the ear to the bottom of the earlobe, but must be trimmed and neat. Boys may not wear beads in their hair, wear headbands, or have ponytails.
- ◆ Distracting hairstyles, hair designs, hair ornaments, and unnatural hair colors are not permitted (i.e. engravings; Mohawks; rakes; picks; curlers; grooming combs; feathers; unnatural weaves, hairpieces and/or wigs; novelty headbands; etc.)
- ◆ Wigs may not be worn unless there is a medical exception.
- ◆ Boys must be clean-shaven. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
- ◆ Eyebrows may not have notches or cut lines in them.
- ◆ Any makeup or nail polish that is distracting to the learning environment is prohibited.
- ◆ All male fingernails should be free of paint and no longer than the pads of the fingers.
- ◆ Make-up and artificial fingernails are not appropriate for elementary students and should not be worn to school. Fake nails must be removed at parent expense.
- ◆ Tattoos or personalized ink drawings must be covered at all times.

Head Wear

- ◆ Hats, caps, hoods, visors, scarves, bandanas, or other head coverings are prohibited in school buildings except on special occasions as approved by campus administrators.
- ◆ Hair curlers and/or hair rollers are not permitted.
- ◆ Students may not wear hair picks, rakes, or brushes in their hair.
- ◆ Hoodies may be worn as shirts/sweatshirts, but the hood may not cover the head.
- ◆ Bandanas are not permitted to be worn anywhere on the person.

Jewelry and Accessories

- ◆ Jewelry or accessories that cause a distraction or that could be dangerous to the student or other individuals are prohibited.
- ◆ Jewelry for any pierced area of the body, other than girls' ears, is not permitted (including spacers and posts.)
- ◆ Boys are not allowed to wear earrings, spacers, or posts.
- ◆ Girls in elementary grades may wear stud-type earrings only. No hoops or dangling earrings are permitted for safety reasons.
- ◆ Body gauges of any type are not permitted.
- ◆ Band-Aids may not be used to cover piercings.
- ◆ Studded and/or spiked jewelry or chokers are prohibited.
- ◆ Mouth grills or mouth pieces worn for decorative purposes are prohibited.
- ◆ Pocket or wallet chains are not permitted.

Note: This dress code provides guidance regarding common situations but cannot cover every style of dress and specific situations that may arise. The district reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonably expected to pose a health or safety hazard or cause disruption of, distraction from, or interference with instruction or general school operations. In addition, certain courses and extracurricular programs may have additional guidelines or requirements for students participating in those programs.

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, campus dress code policies will be followed. Contact campus principals for more information on campus policies. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.