

# **Jasper ISD Student Handbook**

## **Student Dress Code**

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

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the campus dress code.

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.

## **APPAREL - DRESS CODE VIOLATION**

A necessary factor in school morale concerns student's dress. As a student's appearance many times governs his attitude and behavior; neat, clean, modest attire is important. Sloppy, tattered or distracting dress detracts from the learning atmosphere and is considered inappropriate. The following rules have been established to create the most beneficial environment for the student.

Questionable dress or appearance will be referred to the office. Questionable dress is considered any attire that draws undue attention and is questionable to good taste and modesty. A parent conference is mandatory for students upon receiving his/her third violation. Exception to the dress code may be made only by the principal or superintendent of school when provided certification by a medical doctor stating that student has a physical deformity or abnormality and that compliance with the code would be detrimental to the physical health of the student.

1. Apparel with suggestive or vulgar slogans, satanic symbols, or apparel advertising tobacco, drugs or alcoholic beverages is not permitted.
2. Pants with rips, cuts, or holes must have material patches sewn underneath so no skin is visible above the knee. Pants are not to sag inappropriately and must be worn at the appropriate level so the underwear is not exposed and should not have to be held up by student. Belts must be worn buckled and tightened appropriately when pants or shorts are designed for belts unless the shirt or blouse is worn on the outside and covering the waistband area. The waistband of the pant must be worn in such a manner that in any situation, indecent exposure will not occur. Excessively large or oversized pants or pant legs are not acceptable. Overall belts and straps must be buckled.
3. Knee-length shorts are permitted for boys and girls. Baller shorts must have a draw string and pockets. No athletic shorts, or bicycle shorts will be allowed.
4. Any visible tattoos (including temporary) must be covered.
5. Inappropriately exposed skin is a violation, i.e. cleavage, midriff, Or lower back.
6. See-through clothing is not permitted.
7. Spandex or any form-fitting garments are prohibited.
8. Leggings and jeggings that are not see through are permitted only if the dress reaches the top of the knees. All shirts must be worn with regulation pants or shorts.
9. Sunglasses, unless prescribed by a physician, are not permitted inside the building and may be confiscated. Only doctor prescribed, clear/tinted contacts will be allowed, other unnatural contacts such as "cat's eye", opaque or "designer" versions will not be allowed.
10. Students should not wear hats, caps, or hoods in the building during the school day. Bandanas, handkerchiefs, du-rags, rags, towels, or head coverings are not allowed. Items such as these that are brought onto campus may be confiscated and "may" be returned to the student at the end of the day by an administrator. Persistent infractions may require a parent to claim the item and disciplinary consequences issued, "Gang colors" or other gang identifying items of clothing are not permitted on any JISD campus or event at any time.

11. Anything that displays any alcoholic beverage, illicit drug, tobacco product, racial divisiveness, political, marijuana or any other emblem, item, or message viewed as displaying or promoting gang or racially related activities or affiliation will be determined as depicting such and will not be tolerated by JISD. Displaying symbols that invoke gang related activity or negative behavior will not be allowed.
12. Excessively large or baggy clothing of any kind is not allowed.
13. Clothing that displays messages that may be interpreted to have double meanings will not be allowed on campus.
14. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately at all times.
15. Pajama bottoms/pants are prohibited. Any clothing that has the appearance of sleepwear is not allowed. No blankets or pillows.
16. All students will wear shoes to school. Cleated-shoes, house slippers, Slides, sandals without back-straps, flip flops or shoes with wheels or taps, are not permitted.
17. Hemlines on dresses or skirts must be knee length and splits cannot be higher than three inches above the knee.
18. Hair should be neatly groomed. Hairstyles that are distracting or detract from the dignity of the school will be regulated. Hair must be worn out of the eyes. NO shaved designs or Mohawk haircuts are allowed.
19. Facial hair must be neatly groomed. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed.
20. Spiked bracelets or necklaces are prohibited. Heavy gauged chains, including wallet chains, worn as jewelry or decorative attire are prohibited.
21. Jewelry may be worn; however, any pendant, earring or any other article of jewelry or clothing, which displays any firearm (machine gun, pistol, etc.), except as awards of recognized competitive or safety organizations will not be permitted. Any jewelry that displays illegal drugs, racial slurs or anything that displays or promotes gang activity or affiliation will not be permitted. (Jewelry that causes a safety concern may be confiscated).
22. Visible body piercing (other than the ears of-students) is not permitted. Gauges, clear spacers, or any devise which stretch the earlobes will not be allowed.
23. Outer garments of abnormal length and size (such as dusters or trench coats) may not be worn.
24. Sundresses, dresses or blouses with spaghetti straps, that are strapless, sleeveless, or any dress that exposes the shoulders are not permitted.
25. Sleeveless shirts and muscle shirts are not permitted.
26. Oversized bags, or duffels are not allowed. Regular sized backpacks and athletic bags are allowed.
27. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will wear district issued ID's at all times.
28. All students will adhere to cleanliness and personal hygiene. Proper undergarments must be worn.
29. Mouth adornments such as, but not limited to, tongue piercing and "grills" are not permitted.

***Students must comply with the JISD dress code even if the student is wearing a sweater, jacket or any other covering.***

Questionable dress or appearance will be referred to the office. Any attire that draws undue attention or that is judged to be "in bad taste" will be addressed. Students of JISD are expected to dress appropriately at all times. 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. Time lost in the classroom in order to comply with the dress code may be considered a tardy or unexcused absence. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

This dress code is in effect during the school day, while students are on any JISD campus or traveling in district vehicles, and at all school sponsored activities. Some special occasions or circumstances may be allowed at the campus administrator's discretion.

This dress code is probationary and is subject to change at any time during the administrative school year. If JISD campuses experience repeated issues with the outlined dress code, then JISD may, at any time, revert to the previous Standardized Dress Code or make changes to the dress code at the direction of the Superintendent or School Board.

### **Dress Code and Behavior Expectations**

#### **For JISD Special Events (Dances/Proms)**

There are events out in the community designed for teen interaction or students can organize their own gatherings, where the school does not have, and certainly does not want to have any jurisdiction. What styles of dress and behavior occur there will partially be determined by any informed parent's decision to allow their student to attend or not. But for school events, where we have the authority and the responsibility to maintain standards that we feel are consistent with our district and our community, we will impose and enforce the following expectations.

If the attire is questionable, students are encouraged to show their evening wear to the administrators beforehand to determine if it is appropriate for the event (special considerations may be made at campus level for designated events).

#### **Girls:**

**Proms/Dances:** Girls will wear semi-formal, formal gowns, or outfits with pants as campus administration deems appropriate for each event. Strapless and spaghetti straps will be permitted.

**Boys:**

**Proms/Dances:** Boys are encouraged to wear a suit or sports coat, but at a minimum they are expected to wear semi-formal wear, such as slacks, nice shoes, and a nice shirt (ties are encouraged, but not required). If jeans are worn, sports coat or vest must be worn.

**The following will not be permitted:**

1. No extremely low cut dresses (front or back) - Front of dress must not fall below bra line.
2. No two piece formal gowns or pants and top, where the midriff is showing
3. No see through gowns
4. No shorts
5. No torn clothing
6. No facial piercings

Again, if the attire is questionable, students are encouraged to show their attire to the administrators beforehand to determine if it is appropriate for the dance.

A date or guest of a JISD student attending a school event must be at least a school aged student in relation to the campus hosting that event.

**Consequences:**

Students will not be permitted into the dance/event or will be escorted out of the dance. No money will be refunded.

If a JISD student's date is not a JISD student (from another school), it is the responsibility of the JISD student to inform his or her date that the required dress code and behavior codes will apply to the date as well.

**Suggestive Dancing and Public Displays of Affection**

Styles of activities that the administration/chaperones determine to be inappropriate for a school event setting will not be permitted. The style of activity referred to includes dancing in a manner that strongly suggests sexual activity.

Public displays of affection will not be acceptable. The behavior referred to includes kissing or other displays of intimacy inappropriate for a school dance setting.

As parents, we know that you entrust us to provide the best environment for your student not only during the day but at evening activities as well. Monitoring activities such as dance, public display of affection, and attire will allow us to accomplish this endeavor. We will notify you by phone if your student is not being admitted to the dance because of attire or being asked to leave because of inappropriate dancing or conduct.