

CISD STANDARDIZED DRESS

FOR GRADES 6–12

Commerce Independent School District believes that students should learn to dress for success in order to be successful and lead productive lives. Students should dress in a way that is appropriate for a teaching and learning environment. Maintaining a school atmosphere suitable for academic study will help students focus on learning. The Standardized Dress Policy is an important step toward furthering excellence and better preparing students for future educational opportunities, careers, and successful living as adults.



Parent and Student Responsibility:

The parent and student shall be responsible for ensuring that the student is in compliance with all aspects of this policy when the student enters the school premises and during the time the student is on school premises during the regular school day.

Principal is the Final Authority:

The Board delegates to the building principal the authority to make final determinations as to whether clothing or grooming is/is not within this Code.

PANTS, SKIRTS, SHORTS, SKORTS, CAPRI PANTS & JUMPERS

- Colors: khaki, navy blue, black, olive, brown and gray.
- Slacks, pants, shorts and capri pants will be pleated or flat-front Docker-style always worn at the waist. Cargo shorts are allowed.
- Shorts, skirts or skorts must be knee length or longer; skirt slits may not extend above knee.
- Jumpers may be knee length or longer and must be worn over a standardized dress-approved shirt.
- Pants must be worn outside of shoes or boots.
- Corduroy is an acceptable fabric.
- Brand logos or labels on clothing items may be no larger than 1½ by 1½ inch.

Not Allowed:

- *Bottoms cannot be same color as shirts*
- *Sagging or oversized clothing*
- *Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants, warm-ups, overalls, or coveralls*
- *Drawstrings at waist in place of belt*
- *Denim of any type or color; cargo pants; carpenter style pants or shorts*
- *Brads, studs or decorations (i.e. chains or straps) of any kind*
- *No hip-hugger styles*

BELTS

- Belts are preferred but not required.

POLOS, OXFORDS & TURTLENECKS

- Colors: any solid color shirt or undershirt.
- School spirit shirts in acceptable styles will be allowed as approved by campus principals.
- Buttoned polo-style, knit shirts with collars, turtleneck shirts, and oxford-style or dress shirts (short or long sleeve).
- All shirts must remain tucked in under all circumstances.
- Brand logos or labels on clothing items may be no larger than 1½ by 1½ inch.

Not Allowed:

- *Tops cannot be same color as bottoms*
- *Lettering of any kind — unless approved by school principal*
- *Cap sleeves, sleeveless shirts, spaghetti straps, halter tops, backless or collarless shirts*
- *Visible stripes, check or other designs*
- *Zippered shirts*
- *Tight, extremely form-fitting shirts*
- *Low-cut shirts or cleavage showing*

SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS & SWEATER VESTS

- Any solid color to be worn over the standardized dress-approved shirt.
- Approximately sized in shoulders, sleeves and length; minimum waist length; may not extend more than 4 inches below the belt.
- Sweatshirts, sweaters, and sweater vests may be zipper, snap, pullover or cardigan style.
- Brand logos or labels on clothing items may be no larger than 1½ by 1½ inch.
- Hoodies that depict Tiger spirit will be allowed.

Not Allowed:

- *Sleeveless or cap sleeved sweatshirts*
- *Oversized clothing*

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SHOES, SHOESTRINGS, SOCKS & HOSIERY

- Footwear must be closed toe and closed heel and matching pair.
- Footwear must be leather-like or canvas lace up, loafer type, boots, or athletic shoes.
- Colors for shoes other than athletic shoes are black, brown, navy, gray, gold or silver; matching pair.
- Shoelaces must be white or match the primary color of the shoe and tied at all times.
- Matching pair of socks must be solid color.
- Tights or hosiery must be solid brown, black, navy blue, white, or neutral.

Not Allowed:

- *Flip-flops or sandals*
- *Heels over three inches*
- *Slings (straps around the heel)*

OUTER & WINTER WEAR

- Coats, jackets and scarves may be worn to and from school in accordance with appropriate weather conditions.
- Coats, jackets and scarves shall be removed when entering the building and placed in a designated area.
- Solid-color lightweight jackets and school-approved spirit or letter jackets are allowed in the classroom to accommodate for classroom temperature variances. Clothing underneath must meet standardized dress guidelines.
- Tiger spirit hoodies are allowed.

Not allowed:

- *Dusters or trench coats*
- *Oversized coats or jackets*
- *Sleeveless or cap sleeved outerwear*
- *Hoodies that are not Tiger spirit items*

SPIRIT WEAR & SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

- Any school organization may offer a shirt/sweatshirt to students as an optional purchase. Organizations must receive prior approval from the principal.
- Shirt must be polo-style, oxford-style or a sweater or sweatshirt and meet all criteria listed in the shirt or outer/winter wear section.
- Spirit wear must have a principal-approved school related logo.
- Shirts will be worn with approved pants/shorts/skirts/skortas as listed above.
- Other school organizations may wear uniform dress as approved by the principal.

OTHER GUIDELINES

- No clothing that reveals skin at midriff or undergarments.
- Startling, unusual or immodest attire of any sort shall not be permitted. Fads in hairstyles, clothing or anything designed to attract attention to the individual or to disrupt the orderly conduct of the classroom is not permitted.
- Hair should be neat and well groomed at all times and shall not obstruct vision. No extreme style or color (i.e. unnatural reds, greens, blues, etc) shall be allowed. No symbols, letters, or extreme designs cut in the hair that are suggestive or excessive shall be permitted. No streaks shaved in eyebrows.
- Make-up and nail polish may not be worn by males.
- Hats, caps, hoods, wave caps, headbands, bandanas, rollers or any other head coverings/accessories are not acceptable attire and may not be worn in the building. Distracting articles may not be worn in the hair.
- Dark glasses are not acceptable unless they are prescribed to be worn inside the building.
- Uniforms of outside organizations are not permitted.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed and cuffed; torn, ripped, frayed or cut clothing will not be allowed.

- Clothing and other articles that are considered “gang related” are not allowed.
- Leather, suede, vinyl and denim materials are not allowed except for outer/winter wear.
- Spandex, nylon or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Tongue rings and visible body piercing, other than earrings, are not allowed.
- Tattoos and body art are not to be visible.
- “Grillz” or temporary decorations on teeth are not to be worn. Orthodontic approved mouth wear is acceptable.

Exemptions: Exemptions are granted for specific items or circumstances rather than for the entire standard dress guidelines. Examples of exemptions that might be granted are as follows:

- Elastic pants for students who cannot button or zip
- No collar shirts for children with disability who can’t tolerate something near the face
- No tuck-in requirement

Exemptions will be based on a specific student’s need rather than a desire to not follow the standard dress guidelines. Exemptions should be reviewed each year to determine if the need still exists.

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 the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor, and may be subject to other disciplinary actions, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

Dress for Special Occasions: The principal at any campus has the authority to allow all or part of the student body of the campus to vary from the standard mode of dress; establish a particular mode of attire for special occasion days; or for particular school-sponsored or school-related activities.