

# Fredericksburg ISD

## *2022-2023 Dress Code*

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

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Students are required to use good judgment, to respect themselves and others, and to demonstrate modesty in selecting an attire. Students should wear garments, shoes, jewelry, accessories, and hairstyles that are appropriate and modest in length and coverage. Whether in classrooms, on school grounds, or serving as representatives of the district during activities and/or competitions, clothing:

- Should reflect a positive image of the school and contribute to a distraction-free learning environment;
- Should lead teachers and/or staff reasonably believe that the issue does not interfere with, disturb, or distract from the classroom and/or learning environment;
- Below the waist should not be excessively tight, loose, baggy or have revealing tears that expose the skin above midthigh show undergarments; and sagging is prohibited;
- Above the waist should not be excessively tight, expose cleavage, stomach, back, or undergarments.

Clothing displaying advertisements, emblems, patches, pictures, slogans, and writing on clothing and other personal items that are lewd, obscene, offensive, suggestive, vulgar, gang-related, or promote violence are prohibited. Clothing that advertises or depicts alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, or other prohibited substances is prohibited.

### **See specifics below**

#### FOOTWEAR:

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. House shoes, slippers, cleats, wheels, spinners, steeled toe shoes, and shower shoes etc. are prohibited.

#### HAIR:

Hair must be clean, well-groomed not covering the face or eyes and not pose a distraction. Hairstyles, hair designs, hair colors other than natural hair colors that are distracting to the school environment are prohibited. (i.e. Mohawks, rattails, patterns or shavings in the hair, or spikes).

#### FACIAL HAIR:

Facial hair is not allowed. Males are expected to be clean-shaven.

#### HEADCOVERINGS:

Hats, caps, sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, visors, or other head coverings are prohibited in the classroom or school building except on approved occasions or unless there is a religious or medical exception. No hats/caps/head coverings worn in the building at FHS. No hats/caps/head coverings worn on campus at the Middle School.

### JEWELRY:

Students may wear earrings in the ear only. Facial piercings are prohibited, gauges and spacers are prohibited. Band-Aid coverings are prohibited.

### TATTOOS/BRANDS:

All tattoos and brands must be covered at all times.

### OUTERWEAR:

Trench coats are prohibited.

### SHIRTS:

Shirts must be worn at all times while in the classroom, on school grounds, or at school-related or school-sponsored events. Shirts and dress tops must have a strap width of at least 3 inches each and must be worn on the shoulder. Undergarments should not be visible. Midsection may not be exposed. Shirts should not expose cleavage, stomach, back, or undergarments. Excessively large armholes are prohibited. Males are prohibited from wearing sleeveless shirts.

### LENGTH OF CLOTHING:

Shorts, skirts, skorts, or dresses must reach mid-thigh or longer. The same standard applies to slits or slashes in skirts or dresses. A shirt worn over leggings must cover the entire buttock area. If the principal or designee 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. A change of clothing will be provided by the campus if the student does not have appropriate clothing. If the student refuses to make appropriate corrections, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted for assistance. If both the student and parent/guardian refuse, the student will be assigned to school discipline for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in more serious disciplinary action. In all cases, appropriate disciplinary action will be administered in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### NOTE:

This dress code provides guidance regarding common situations but cannot cover every style of dress and specific situations that may arise. The items outlined in the Dress Code are not all-inclusive; because of that, there may be times when clothing or accessories do not specifically breach the code yet may be inappropriate for school. 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 to cause substantial disruption of, a distraction from, or interference with general school operations. Extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for students participating in those programs.