



Dress Code

Amarillo ISD's dress code is established to contribute to a safe and distraction-free professional learning environment and to teach grooming and hygiene.

Student dress and grooming is primarily the responsibility of students and their parents; however, the school's responsibility is to maintain a proper atmosphere for learning at school. Personal appearance is an important factor in developing and maintaining such an atmosphere.

REGULAR DRESS CODE

The following information is taken from Board Policy *FNCA(LOCAL) Student Conduct – Dress Code*

The principal of each school has the authority to make final decisions on questions of dress and grooming. Any student not adhering to the guidelines presented below shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. (See Board policies FO, FOA, FOD)

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or dress violates this policy, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

Repeated dress code offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action.

Guidelines

Beginning in the third grade, guidelines are as follows:

1. Hair is to be neat, clean and well-groomed, and styled so that vision will not be obstructed. Beards and mustaches must be kept clean and neatly trimmed.
2. School clothing is to be in good taste, clean, neat, and styled for school activities.
3. Clothing may not advertise, condone, depict or promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, suicide, death, violence, and/or vulgar or obscene language.
4. Some type of sandal or shoe must be worn at all times.
5. Wearing either identified gang apparel or wearing clothing in a gang-style as identified by law enforcement agencies is prohibited.
6. Dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants shall be of a length that is not distracting. These items, when worn as the outer garment, shall extend at least to the tip of the fingers when the arms are held straight at the side. The top of any slits and/or holes in outer garments shall comply with the required dress code length. Waistbands of all dresses, skirts, shorts, and pants shall be secured at the waistline.
7. All shirts shall be of a length that is not distracting. All shirts when worn as the outer garment shall be:
 - a. Of a length that will stay tucked in while walking or sitting.
 - b. Of a length that covers the shoulder from the base of the neck to the tip of the shoulder.
 - c. Designed so that the neckline does not reveal cleavage.
 - d. Designed to cover all undergarments, including the sleeve line and neckline.

8. Experience indicates that the following types of wearing apparel can be reasonably forecast to disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from the learning environment and are therefore not to be worn to school:

Items of clothing that shall not be worn to school include:

- Gang-associated clothing or colors
- Overly tight and improperly fitting garments
- Clothing items that reference violence, death or suicide
- Clothing items that reference alcohol, tobacco or drugs
- Clothing items that can be seen through
- Headwear worn inside buildings, *except for religious reasons*
- Pajamas
- Visible underwear (straps, etc.)
- Lingerie (worn as outerwear)
- Baggy/sagging clothing
- Biker shorts
- Distracting or overly tight garments
- Underwear-type garments
- Garments that do not extend at least to the fingertips
- Garments that are not secured at the waist line
- Backless tops
- Shirts and tops that expose bare midriiffs
- Halter tops or strapless tops
- Low-cut necklines
- Muscle shirts or tank tops
- Tops with spaghetti straps



Exceptions

Principals, in cooperation with coaches and sponsors, may adopt additional guidelines as they deem appropriate for students who participate in extracurricular activities.

Principals may approve limited exceptions to the dress code for certain campus-initiated events or special days such as Spirit Day, Hat Day, Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day, etc

STANDARDIZED DRESS

The following information is from AISD's policy on standardized dress [Board Policy FNCA(LOCAL)]. Standardized dress is not as restrictive as a uniform, but students are required to wear clothing that adheres to certain guidelines established by a campus committee.

Schools that currently have a standardized dress code include:

**Emerson Elementary
Glenwood Elementary
Tradewind Elementary**

***In addition, Carver Early Childhood Academy asks that students wear tennis shoes to school every day.