



Sealy High School Dress Code 2022-2023

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 following:

1. Clothing must meet the dress code requirements.
 2. Pierced ears are permissible, as well as one facial piercing. Jewelry, including earrings, chains, emblems, etc. which is considered to be a safety hazard, distracting, disruptive or offensive in any way either to the wearer or to other students is not allowed.
 3. Vulgar or obscene patches and suggestive lettering or insignia of organizational products referring to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, weapons, violence or gang-related paraphernalia or gang colors or like dress are not permitted. Suggestive wording or phrases of any kind are prohibited.
 4. No article of apparel or hairstyle shall ever be worn which will in any way damage school property, create a safety hazard, conceal the identity of the wearer, or create a distraction. **Hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods shall not be worn indoors except in the interest of religious practices, safety, or with permission of the principal.**
- **If a student violates the above mentioned policy, the item in question will be confiscated and not returned until the end of the school year****
5. Shoes shall be worn at all times and should be chosen for safety and health reasons. No house shoes shall be permitted.
 6. Pants must be fitted to size with no excessive sagging. Foundation garments should not be exposed (i.e. shorts, underwear, boxers, etc.) **Students will be allowed to wear shorts no shorter than mid-thigh. Holes in pants/jeans higher than mid-thigh must not expose skin.**
 7. Hair shall be clean, well-groomed, and out of the eyes and shall be styled in a way that is neither distracting nor conspicuous. Facial hair such as mustaches, beards, goatees, or sideburns below the earlobes must be neat in appearance. Coloring of hair must not be a distraction.
 8. Clothing must be worn in the manner for which it was intended.
 9. **Boys**- shirts must have sleeves. Muscle shirts, tank tops, mesh knit shirts or sheer clothing is not permitted.

Girls –Midriffs, crop tops, tank tops, low-cut tops, mesh knit shirts, and extra-thin or extra-tight clothing is prohibited. A complete complement of foundation garments must be worn at all times. **The length of dresses, skirts and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.** Shirts/blouses must be long enough to extend below the top of the pants or skirt. Sleeveless shirts and dresses must have straps with a minimum of three inches across the shoulder and properly cover all foundation garments. The back should not be exposed. **Cold shoulder tops, lace, and off-the shoulder shirts are prohibited.** Exposed cleavage shall not be below the line of the armpit. **Holes in pants/jeans higher than mid-thigh must not expose skin.** Leggings or yoga pants may be worn as long as coverage of the shirt or blouse extends to the top of the thigh in the front and below the posterior end in the back.

****Jackets, sweaters, and/or coats DO NOT circumvent the dress code in any shape or form.****

10. The administration will reserve the right to judge on all matters concerning personal appearance. If the administrative staff determines that a student's grooming or dress violates the District's dress code, correction of the dress code violation will occur by providing appropriate clothing and/or grooming accessories; **furthermore the article of clothing in question/violation WILL BE confiscated and bagged up for pick up at the end of the day. (Personal items will not be returned until school items are returned) But for each subsequent violation, the item WILL BE confiscated and NOT returned until the end of the year.** Disciplinary action may be taken. Students will not be allowed to leave campus and/or call home for a change of clothes. Loss of instructional time due to a dress code violation will be minimized. Therefore, the student should, if in doubt as to the appropriateness of the article of clothing or other aspect of the dress and grooming regulations, contact the principal **in advance for an interpretation to avoid corrective action.**

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE *SPECIFICALLY* EXCLUDED:

- A. Girl's tops or blouses with straps less than three inches in width;
- B. Clothing that is ripped or torn (**holes in jeans/pants higher than mid-thigh that expose skin**);
- C. Tattoos with designs, symbols, or words referring to alcoholic beverages, drugs, smoking, violence, death, gangs, Satanism, racism, profanity, nudity, or obscenity;
- D. Shirts in memory of a deceased individual.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

*The dress code is in effect **IMMEDIATELY** upon arrival to campus each day and remains in effect **CONTINUOUSLY** until students are completely **OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS**.

*Any attire deemed distracting, lewd, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate by school administrators **will not be allowed**. The school reserves the right to establish rules **during the school year** regarding **new fashions in dress**.