

# Gainesville Independent School District Student Dress Code

## 2020 -2021

### 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 outlined dress code expectations set forth by the GISD administration.

The purpose of the recommended dress code policy is to foster pride within the GISD student body, staff and community that will result in the provision of an educational environment that encourages students to be about "the business of school", to build student self-esteem, bridge socioeconomic differences between students and encourage positive behavior, thereby promoting school safety and improving the academic learning environment.



Students shall come to school looking clean, neat and ready to learn. The dress and grooming of students conveys an image of the schools and students, influencing how others respond to and judge the Gainesville ISD and its students, as well as contributing to the school climate to which students respond. The District prohibits pictures, emblems or writings on materials or clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, and immodest or promote or refer to alcoholic beverages, drugs, promote acts of violence, guns, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, Gang activity or any other offensive items prohibited under GISD Board Policy FNCF (LOCAL).

It is impossible to list every possibility of dress and grooming. Campus administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the district dress code policy. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically addressed in the policy shall be within the discretion of the administration. 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 self-correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day 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.

## Shirts/Blouses

Students are **prohibited** from wearing:

- Shirts/Blouses that are oversized or immodestly undersized.
- Any shirt/blouse that depicts or references alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, nudity, gang affiliation, death, violence, vulgar or obscene language or images and/or insults to race, religion, gender or ethnicity.
- Tank tops, tube tops, halters, midriffs, backless tops, spaghetti straps, spandex/leotard tops, capped sleeve shirts, off the shoulder or low cut shirts/blouses.

All shirts must be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top collar. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff even when arms are raised over the student's head.

*\*\*Shirts do not have to be tucked into pants.*

*\*\*Shirts do not have to have a collar.*

## Slacks, Pants, Capri Pants, Jeans, Shorts, Skorts/Skirts/Dresses

- Slacks, pants, capri pants, jeans, and shorts must be appropriately hemmed.
- Jeans and pants with holes, including distress and frayed markings, are prohibited. No degree of sagging will be allowed.
- All slacks, pants, capris, jeans, and shorts must be worn at the natural waistline.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, and dresses must reach mid-thigh or longer allowing the student to stand, sit, or bend with modesty. The same applies if there is a slit in the front, back, or side of the garment.
- Leggings may be worn under a skirt, dress, tunic, or long shirt that is mid-thigh or longer and complies with dress code.



Tights and yoga pants are prohibited from being worn in the instructional areas, but can be worn during classes such as physical education, athletics, cheer, and marching band.

*\*\*Pants and shirts must be alternating colors.*

## Accessories/Jewelry

- Belts are not required. If a belt is worn it must not have metal studs, brads or any other adornments.
- Body piercing is restricted to the ear and a small diameter stud in the nose. Students may not wear spacers or use Band-Aids to cover piercings.
- No gauging of the ear or any part of the body.
- No spiked jewelry, open gauge ear piercing, or any piercing that protrudes from the ear or may be considered dangerous.
- No bracelets with vulgar or offensive language.
- Blankets/throws are prohibited from being brought to school at any time.
- Noisy or distracting jewelry or accessories may not be worn. Facial/tongue jewelry is prohibited. No grills are allowed.
- No type of cap or hat is to be worn inside the school building. Only those caps or hats, which are part of a uniform related to a school activity, may be worn at school during the appropriate time.
- Sunglasses may be worn only when prescribed by a physician.
- Bandanas are prohibited.



## Shoes

- Students must wear appropriate shoes at all times while on campus during all instructional settings (regular school hours, Saturday school and etc.)
- House shoes, flip flops, athletic slides or similar shoes are not permitted because of safety considerations.

## Outerwear/Jackets

- Coats may be allowed in accordance with appropriate weather conditions and they must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length.
- Jackets with a hood or “hoodies” with or without a zipper are permitted, but the hoods must not be worn within the school building.

\*\*No trench coats.

## Hair

- A student’s hair must be neat, clean, and must not be distracting or interfere with the learning environment.
- Extreme hairstyles and hair color that may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations are not acceptable.
- **Unnatural hair colors such as pink, green, blue and etc. will not be allowed.**

- A male student may have neatly groomed facial hair.
- Shavings of designs in a student's hair or eyebrows is prohibited.

## **Tattoos**

- All tattoos must be covered.

## **Other Guidelines**

- All clothing must be appropriately sized, hemmed, clean and free from holes or tears.
- Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except as directed by instructor during PE/athletics, cheer, or marching band classes.
- Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.

## **Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)**

**Students attending the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP) will have a required dress code that must be followed without fail.** Students will be required to adhere to the following:

- Bottoms – Students will wear Navy, Black or Khaki slacks. No denim will be allowed.
- Tops – ANY SOLID colored collar shirt. No tee-shirts will be allowed.
- NO HOODIES will be allowed in the building.
- Cell Phones will be collected at the beginning of the day.
- Students will be required to take notes while working on their daily assignments.

## **ID Cards**

- All junior high/high school students shall wear their Gainesville ISD-issued student identification badges or temporary badges at all times while on a school campus, and while attending school related extracurricular activities.
- Badges must be visible to GISD employees at all times. Badges cannot be worn underneath clothing and cannot be carried in a student's pocket, backpack, bag, purse, etc. IDs should not be altered or defaced in any manner.
- Replacement IDs will be available for purchase in the Principal's Office/Library for \$5.