

TCUE/TCMS Dress Code

DRESS CODE

The major responsibility for good grooming rests in the home of each student. Students' dress and personal hygiene should reflect good taste and appropriate fashion which does not contribute to disruption of the educational process. Any outfit or jewelry that proves distracting or provokes behavior detrimental to the educational process will not be permitted. Clothing that will conceal contraband will not be allowed. For certain activities, specific dress may be required. **The following dress code will be followed:**

Appropriate Dress

Boys

- Pants must be worn on the waist at all times.
- Pants must be worn with a belt. No pants below the waist. All clothes should fit appropriately.
- Undergarments must be fully covered.
- Boys' shirts must be tucked.
- Earrings are not to be worn by male students.
- Any sleeveless jersey must include a full t-shirt underneath.

Girls

- Girls should wear shirts and dresses that cover the armpits. Clothing should cover girls from shoulders to thighs with no gaps – no bare midriff. Undergarments must be fully covered. (See statement below on length of shorts, skirts, and dresses).
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must have length of two inches above the knee or longer.
- Leggings under skirts and dresses must have a length of two inches above the knee or longer.
- Leggings under skirts and dresses are permitted when skirts and dresses, or any top, meet the dress code of two inches above the knee or longer.

Inappropriate Dress

Clothing should be constructed and worn in a way that is not unduly revealing. Unacceptable articles of clothing include, but are not limited to: any pants with holes, rips, tatters (or any other kind of tear in the pants) two inches or more above the knees, sleeveless shirts without a collar, tank tops, unbuttoned shirts or blouses, halters, strapless tops, clothes with spaghetti straps, sheer apparel, pajamas, sleep attire, or any other clothes that allow undergarments to be visible through a student's clothing.

1. Bare feet and slippers are not allowed. Shoes designed for laces must be laced up and tied.
2. Bike shorts, aerobic wear, gym shorts, sweat pants, wind pants (any gym clothes with elastic waistbands), or cutoffs are not allowed outside of PE classes.

3. Dark lens glasses and hats, hoods, or other head gear will not be worn in school buildings.
4. Chains hanging from pants, belt loops, book bags, purses, or wallets are not allowed.
5. Clothing or book bags associated with gang colors or symbols are not allowed. All gang related signs, symbols, names, or other items that can be associated with any street gang are prohibited. The principal or designee shall have the final say in determining if an item is gang related.
6. Nose rings, eyebrow rings, lip rings, tongue rings, gauges, and other piercings/body modifications are prohibited.
7. Clothes, book bags or backpacks that advertise alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or drugs are not allowed. Obscene pictures or symbols, and lewd, profane, or suggestive language on clothing, book bags, or backpacks are not allowed.
8. Distracting hairstyles are prohibited. Hair combs, picks, or rollers should not be worn in hair.
9. All tattoos must be covered.

All of these guidelines are subject to the interpretation of the administration. Any other type dress/garment that is distracting, immodest, or interferes with learning will not be permitted.

Teachers will check students for dress code violations at the beginning of each class. Students not adhering to the dress code will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. Students who do not correct the violation will be sent to Time-out/ISS for the remainder of the day. If students miss class waiting in the office for a change of clothes, or if they go home to change, they will receive an unexcused absence for class(es) missed. It is the hope of the administration and faculty that these guidelines will promote cooperation and understanding among students, parents, and the school.