

# Tatum ISD

## Student Dress and Grooming

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. **No** hats, caps, hoods, or any other headwear may be worn in any school building.
2. **No** low-cut clothing (neck or underarm) male or female. Sundresses and shirts that are backless or have spaghetti straps are not allowed. No one-shoulder or off-shoulder blouses or tops. Undergarments on males or females may not show. **Male shirts must have sleeves.**
3. **No** clothing that exposes bare midriffs, bellybuttons, such as short skirts or low-cut pants/skirts.
4. **No** facial, mouth, or body piercing of any type is allowed, except for ears. These items must be removed and may not be covered with a band-aid or similar type of covering. (Prohibited items include items such as nose rings, eyebrow rings, tongue rings, lip rings, gauges, placers, bars, nose or facial studs, etc.).
5. House shoes, shower shoes, and pajamas **are not** permitted.
6. **No** excessive or disruptive makeup.
7. **No** obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on clothing, backpacks, book covers, jewelry, or anywhere on campus or school-related activities.
8. **No** racially related symbols, emblems, pictures, words, or slogans.
9. Tattoos on High School students deemed inappropriate by the administration must be covered by clothing.  
  
Middle School, Elementary, and Primary students are not allowed to have a visible permanent tattoo.
10. Hair, including facial hair, **MUST BE** neat, clean, and well-groomed.
11. Hair that is not a natural shade of color is unacceptable, i.e. pink, blue, green, purple, etc.
12. All clothing must be appropriately sized and fit at the natural waist. **NO** excessively loose clothing that results in "sagging" and showing any undergarments or skin.
13. **No** dark glasses (unless prescribed by a physician for indoor use).
14. See-through, provocative, or excessively tight clothing is **NOT** permitted.
15. Leggings, jeggings, or any other tight-fitting clothing must be covered by a top or dress that is no shorter than 5 inches above the knee.

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Spandex tights, leggings, biker shorts, and jeggings can ONLY be worn as undergarments beneath another garment that is no shorter than 5 inches above the knee.

No skin or undergarments may be showing through holes or frays on pants more than 5 inches above the knee. For example, if removing the leggings, jeggings, or any other tight-fitting clothing, the student should still be in dress code.

16. Shorts, skirts, dresses, and pants with holes must not be shorter than 5 inches above the knee.
17. Shirts, blouses, etc. must be long enough to cover the mid-torso while sitting, standing, bending over, or raising arms.
18. **No** clothing is worn in a manner for which it was not intended such as backwards, inside out, etc.
19. **No** accessory, clothing article, bandana, etc. deemed gang-related as determined by the principal.
20. No excessively long belts, wallet chains, oversized chains, or dog collars.
21. Clothing for field trips, field days, and other "special" days are subject to principal approval.

**\*\*Student dress or grooming deemed a distraction or inappropriate is at the discretion of the campus principal.\*\***

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 correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, 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.