

Pampa ISD

Student Dress Code

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The Pampa ISD Dress Code seeks to raise expectations among our students, promote academic excellence, promote grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, promote safety and teach respect for one another. Campus standards for students in grades PK – 3 will be defined in each campus handbook.

General Rules for Grades 4 -12:

- All lower garments must be worn to ensure that the midsection is covered at all times.
- All lower garments must be worn at the waist, fitted properly hemmed or cuffed.
- All lower garments must be worn in a manner which eliminates the presence of sagging at all times.
- Male students must tuck their shirt tails into their pants in a manner in which the waistline can be determined.
- All upper garments must have sleeves, and must be worn in a manner which eliminates exposure of the male chest, or female cleavage, shoulders, back, armpits, midsection and undergarments.
- If belts are worn, they must be cinched, sized appropriately, worn through all belt loops, and contain no inappropriate writing or studded attachments.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes are not acceptable.
- Undergarments are required and shall not be visible at any time.
- All clothing must be sized appropriately, be in good condition, free from any holes, tears, or fraying, except at the hem or cuff. Patches may be worn on clothing, if the patch is of like color and fabric.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be knee length.

Unacceptable Dress for Grades 4 – 12:

- Caps, hats, gloves and head coverings are not permitted to be worn indoors.
- Sweatbands, bandannas, hairnets are not permitted to be worn, unless required by class.
- Under Armor and spandex type of material may not be worn as outerwear.
- Trench coats and dusters are not permitted.
- Clothing may never be worn in a manner which reflects gang affiliation.
- Clothing containing any form of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, lewd, sexual innuendos, vulgar, racial slurs, or inappropriate writings, pictures or embroidered emblems are not permitted.
- Cheer leading outfits that do not conform to the dress code are not permitted to be worn at school except during pep rallies.

Outerwear for Grades 4 - 12

- Coats, jackets, windbreakers, sweatshirts, hoodies, or other outerwear may not be worn in the classroom unless an exception is granted by the teacher.

Jewelry, Tattoos and Hair - all students

- All facial piercing (to include tongues) are prohibited for both genders.
- Students are allowed to wear piercings in their ears.
- All tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Spiked jewelry and chains are not permitted at any time.
- Hair is to be neat, clean, and well groomed.
- Hair should be of a natural color.
- Hair should not obstruct vision and should not be a distraction to others.
- Eyebrow notching is not permitted.

Exceptions

Deviations from the Dress Code for the purpose of promoting school spirit, holidays, or special events are left to the discretion of the campus principal.

With respect to dress code variances based upon medical or religious reasons, documentation from a medical provider or established religious authority will suffice for such variances to be granted.

Decisions and Judgments

At the campus level, the campus administrator will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the student dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered within the dress code policy shall be within the discretion of the superintendent. The PISD Board of Trustees must approve any changes or revisions to the Dress Code Policy.

The PISD Board of Trustees should implement this policy. In the event that this policy is not succeeding as planned, additional adjustments should be considered immediately.

Consequences for violations:

First Offense:	5 hours of school service
Second Offense:	30 hours of school service
Third Offense:	15 days of in-school-suspension and 30 hours of school service
Fourth Offense:	30 days of DAEP

If there are more than 20 violations regarding inappropriate writing on shirts, at any campus during a one month period, the Board will take action to reinstate the following statement into the dress code: “Writing on shirts is limited to support of school spirit and/or local student groups.”