

Dress and Appearance Regulations

The Duncan Board of Education endorses and adopts as policy these regulations on student dress and appearance developed and presented by representatives of the Association of Duncan Educators and the Duncan Public School Administrative Staff.

It is the desire of the administration and staff that every student be provided the opportunity for a quality education on a daily basis. When the dress code becomes the focus of the administration and staff due to the inappropriateness of the clothing, this does not create an environment conducive to a quality education. Standards of dress are provided so clothing does not distract from the educational process.

All students are expected to be groomed and dressed appropriately with respect to the following criteria:

- All clothing should be within the parameters of good taste. Clothing and grooming must be such that they do not constitute a health or safety hazard.
- It is important to remember that styles that are appropriate in other settings may not be appropriate at school.
- Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than at least mid-thigh. Leggings will only be permitted under skirts/shorts if the skirt/short is at least mid-thigh.
- Bike shorts and boxer shorts are not allowed for boys or girls.
- Pajama pants are not allowed for boys or girls.
- Bare midriffs and/or exposed undergarments are not allowed.
- Low cut and/or revealing tops, transparent, see-through, off the shoulder, spaghetti, t-strap, or strapless tops are not allowed.
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, or shirts with large armholes are not allowed.
- Sagging pants will not be permitted. Pants must be worn around the waist, on or above the hip.
- Clothing that is tattered, ripped or has holes is not appropriate school attire and will not be permitted.
- Attire that promotes alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances will not be permitted.
- Attire that displays language or illustrations offensive to the general population will not be permitted.
- Hats, caps, bandanas, or head coverings of any kind will not be permitted on campus.
- Shoes are required.
- Any clothing, make up, hairstyle, jewelry, or accessory that causes a disruption in the educational environment will not be permitted. No unnatural hair color will be allowed. No facial jewelry (including facial piercings and gauges) will be allowed.
- Any clothing style or symbol recognized as having gang association is not appropriate school attire and will not be permitted. Any change in parameters will be communicated to the student body and the general population through announcements, local media, and DTV-10.

Metal combs, chains, heavy metal belts, spike/studded clothing or jewelry, or other paraphernalia which could be used as weapons should not be carried or worn to school. When a bona fide religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the school dress code, reasonable accommodations shall be provided. Any student desiring accommodation shall notify the school principal in writing of the requested accommodation and the factual basis for the request. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.