

DRESS and GROOMING

Redwater ISD’s Dress Code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption, to promote safety, and teach respect for authority. Students should dress and groom themselves in a manner that is appropriate for an educational setting.

The District prohibits any attire that, in the Principal’s judgment, may interfere or create safety concerns during normal school operations. The Principal, along with teachers, sponsors, or coaches may regulate the dress and grooming of students who are involved in extracurricular activities.

If the Principal, who is the final authority on the propriety of clothes, hairstyle, and jewelry, determines that the student has violated the dress code, the student shall be given a chance to correct the violation at school. If not corrected, the student will be sent home to make necessary changes. (This will be an unexcused tardy or absence.) Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE DRESS & GROOMING	
Shirts	Shirts, dresses, tops must cover the entire upper body including shoulders, underarms, back, and chest. Sheer/thin/see-through fabric shirts may be worn over shell or tank top that completely covers undergarments (no spaghetti straps); Tank tops/sleeveless shirts are acceptable for Pre-K through 6th grade only
Dresses/Skirts/Shorts	Students may wear dresses/skirts/shorts that are no shorter than mid-thigh length including slits. Running/wind shorts of any length are not permitted for students in grades 7-12.
Leggings/Jeggings/Spandex type pants for grades 7-12	Leggings, jeggings, yoga or spandex-type pants with t-shirts are <u>not</u> appropriate school clothing for students in grades 7-12. Students may only wear these types of garments with a long tunic shirt, dress, or skirt that is no shorter than mid-thigh length – including slits.
Pants/Jeans	Students may wear pants and jeans, worn at the waist, <u>free of holes, rips, or tears above the knee</u> ; not to include pajamas or sleepwear.
Shoes	Students must wear shoes at all times. Closed-toe shoes are required in vocational shop and laboratory science classes; not to include house shoes, cleats, skate shoes, boots with spurs.
Hair/Makeup	Hair and facial hair must be neatly groomed and in no way distract from classroom activities.
Jewelry/Piercings/Accessories	Students may wear jewelry including watches, rings, light weight chains, bracelets, pierced earrings (ears only); prescription eyeglasses; <u>not</u> to include gauging, heavy neck or wallet chains, sunglasses.
Headgear/Hats/Caps/Hoods	Hats/caps/hoods or other headgear is not allowed.

****Unacceptable:** Patches/emblems/slogans/tattoos/writings/pictures, etc. on clothing or body that are over conspicuous places of the body that:

- Advertise intoxicating beverages, tobacco products, drugs, or any prohibited substance
- Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, profane, gang related, or double entendre
- Denote highly controversial issues and/or organizations, i.e. rebel flag