

DRESS AND GROOMING

Barbers Hill ISD chooses to maintain a standard of excellence as is evident in our dress code. Our school district believes that a student's personal appearance has a direct correlation with an atmosphere conducive to learning. The personal appearance of the student represents that individual to his fellow students. The personal appearance of the entire student body represents the school to others. It is our desire to maintain a standard of acceptable dress and grooming habits that will continue the tradition of excellence in Barbers Hill. The student body must help in every possible manner to develop pride in upholding the standards set forth.

The district's dress code is established to set the standard of excellence, set our students apart from others, teach grooming/hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the following:

General Guidelines:

- Any type of dress, insignia, neckband, accessory, shirt, or other clothing with suggestive or distasteful wording (ex. Rebel flag); or which advertise or exploit firearms, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or other illegal substances will not be allowed.
- Any clothes, accessories, symbols, or jewelry which depict or suggest association with a gang shall not be brought to school, worn at school or in any way be present at any school related event.
- Bare shoulders, bare backs, bare midriffs, and low necklines are unacceptable. Any type of flimsy, see-through material is not allowed. Sheer tops covering unacceptable clothing are not acceptable. Any type clothing must be long enough to preserve modesty when seated. No clothing may be worn that fits so tightly as to be immodest.
- Appropriate underclothing must be worn and covered at all times.
- Bedroom attire is not acceptable. Students may not wear pajamas or like garments.
- Students will be required to remain in dress code until they have left campus.

Shirts and Tops

- All hoodies, sweatshirts and shirt tail length may not extend below the wrist in a normal standing position.
- Shirts with sayings, slogans, signs or symbols that may be deemed suggestive or inappropriate will not be allowed.
- Female shirts, blouses and other types of tops must be worn in good taste. The design of the top should preserve modesty. Low cut necklines are unacceptable. All tops must cover and not reveal undergarments. No spaghetti straps or strapless tops will be allowed. Tank top straps must measure at least 2 inches in width. The general rule for determining proper length on tops will be – if the arms can be raised above the head without a bare midriff showing, the top is acceptable.
- Males may not wear open-arm t-shirts or muscle shirts. The sleeve must have a hem.

Pants

- Pants shall not be torn, ripped, frayed or have worn areas with fabric underneath.
- No holes will be permitted in any article of clothing.
- All patches used to cover holes must be placed on the outside of clothing.
- Pants must completely cover underclothing. Sagging pants will not be allowed.
- Knit pants are acceptable if they are loose fitting. Any type of clothing deemed too tight is not acceptable.
- Leggings, jeggings and yoga pants are prohibited.
- Overalls and suspenders, if worn, must be worn over the shoulders and buckled as designed.

Shorts, Skirts and Dresses

- General rule for determining the length of shorts, skirts and dresses will be that they must be worn at the waist line and extend below the index finger at the shortest point of the garment.
- Slits on skirts and dresses shall not be above the fingertip length.
- Boys will not be permitted to wear skirts or dresses.
- Shorts are acceptable as long as they extend below index fingertip length at the shortest point.
- All shorts must have a finished hem and may not be rolled up. They cannot have holes or tears.
- Sagging shorts will not be allowed.
- Tennis shorts, running shorts, spandex (biker's) shorts and boxer shorts are not allowed.
- Tight fitting shorts will not be allowed.

Shoes / Footwear

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Shoes must be appropriate for school. Flip-flops, rubber sandals, pool or beach type shoes, house shoes and slippers are not permitted.
- Students are not permitted to wear steel toe boots.

Head Coverings

- No type of head covering, cap or hat is permitted in the building with the exception of special days designed by the administration.

Coats and Jackets

- Trench coats, duster coats and like garments are prohibited.
- Hoodies and/or sweatshirts may not extend below the wrist in a normal standing position. Hoods may not be worn inside the building at any time.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, clean and well-groomed.
- Geometric or unusual patterns (including Mohawks and Faux hawks) shaved or cut in the hair are not permitted.
- Unnatural hair color or color variation in hair (i.e. scarlet, purple, blue, green, orange, platinum white, etc.) will not be permitted.
- Ribbons or other types of hair accessories must be worn in good taste and only when appropriate to hairstyle.
- Boy's hair will not extend below the eyebrows, below the ear lobes, or below the top of a t-shirt collar. Corn rows and/or dread locks are permitted if they meet the aforementioned lengths.
- Ponytails or tails are not acceptable on male students.
- Boys are not permitted to wear hair accessories.

Facial Hair

- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. Beards, goatees and mustaches are not allowed.
- Sideburns must be neat and well groomed and may not extend below the ear lobe or flare at the bottom.
- No student will be permitted to cut lines or designs in the eyebrows.

Jewelry

- No student shall be permitted to wear visible piercings on body parts other than the ear (i.e., nose, eyelids, lips, tongue, etc.) No student will be allowed to wear gauged plugs and/or other objects in the ear.
- Covering body piercing with Band-Aids, tape, spacers, or any other temporary covering is not acceptable.
- Students may not wear chains or jewelry that has the potential to be used as a weapon. Collars intended for use on animals are prohibited.

- Male students will not be allowed to wear earrings in the ears.

Tattoos / Make-Up

- Tattoos and/or any other drawings on the skin must be covered.
- Boys will not be permitted to wear make-up or nail polish.

Sunglasses

- Students must not wear sunglasses in the building without written verification from a doctor.

Extracurricular Activities / School Sponsored Trips / Special Events

- The principal, sponsor, coach or other person in charge of the activity may regulate the dress and grooming of the students participating.
- Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Medical Exceptions

- The principal may grant an exception to any of the above provisions if a student has a physical or medical condition rendering compliance with the provisions detrimental to the student's physical health.

Interpretation of Appropriateness

- The principal and assistant principals shall be authorized to appraise any fashion, fad or article of clothing to determine its appropriateness for school wear. If it tends to distract or cause a student to become a disturbing influence or tends to jeopardize the health or safety of students, it will be prohibited.
- The administrators and teachers shall be responsible for the enforcement of dress code.
- **The dress code will apply to all students and to all activities, curricular and extracurricular. Any exceptions must be made by the principal to apply only on special occasions.**
- **Any article of clothing, which in the judgment of the principal is distracting or in poor taste for the school, may be prohibited. All rules and regulations are at the discretion of the campus principal.**

Dress Code and Grooming Violations

Students who come to school in violation of the Dress and Grooming Code will be disciplined as deemed appropriate/ necessary.

In addition, parents may be asked to bring appropriate attire to school to assist in correcting the violation. Any student taken home by parents for a change of clothes, without nurse or principal approval, will have an unexcused absence for any missed class time.