

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

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:

- Philosophy - The secondary school dress code is designed to instill dignity, respect, and discipline within the student body. The appearance of each student should reflect the high standards expected from each person at Greenville High School, Houston Education Center, Greenville Middle School and Greenville Sixth Grade Center. The dress code is also designed to ensure safety during the normal school day or an emergency situation. It is the belief at Greenville ISD that a high standard of dress is essential to the success of the student body and the expectation of excellence for the school. Therefore, the following standards shall be maintained:
 1. All students should be clean and neat and practice good hygiene each day.
 2. Hair shall be neat, clean and well groomed. Hair color must be appropriate, in good taste, and must not cause a distraction. Unnatural hair colors are prohibited. Hair designs/carvings shaved into the hair are prohibited. Eyebrow carvings are prohibited.
 3. No type of head covering may be worn in the building. Any cap, hat or hood, sweatband, bandanna, hair rollers, sunglasses or combs must not be worn in the building. These head coverings should be removed before entering the building and not put back on until the student has exited the building. Caps worn outside the building must be worn with the bill facing toward the front and not twisted to the side. Dew rags or wave caps may not be worn outside of the building while on school property.
 4. Symbols, jewelry and/or styles of hair, which are identified with gang membership or gang type representation will not be allowed.
 5. No chains (including wallet chains) are allowed. No jewelry that may be dangerous to students or faculty may be worn. Teeth grills are prohibited.
 6. Any visible pierced jewelry other than jewelry worn in the ear is prohibited. Coverage with a Band-Aid or other covering is not acceptable.
- **GAEP Dress:** In addition to the Greenville ISD "Dress and Grooming" policy, students assigned to the Greenville Alternative Education Program (GAEP) will be required to adhere to the dress code policy for Greenville ISD. Shirts must be tucked in and belts must be worn at all times. (See the district Standardized Dress Code below).

Non-standardized (Free) Dress Mondays

For the 2018-2019 school year, all GISD students will be able to take advantage of "Free Dress Mondays".

Free Dress Monday Guidelines

Since we believe that a student's appearance affects attitude and behavior, the following non-standardized dress code has been developed:

Girls:

- **Neat and respectable shirts, blouses, or dresses.** No low-cut, tight-fitting, midriffs or sleeveless tops. Shirts and dresses must have sleeves. Chest or stomach may not be exposed.
- **Neat and respectable pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts.** No tight-fitting or low-waisted bottoms. Skirts or shorts need to be at or below the knee in length. All bottoms must be worn at the waist.
- Tights, leggings, or bicycle shorts may **only** be worn under dresses or skirts that are at or below the knee in length. Leggings/jeggings are not to be worn as pants.
- Pajama-styled or other nightwear may not be worn to school.
- Clothing, jewelry, accessories, etc. may not have holes/rips or inappropriate/offensive images or slogans.
- No hats, caps, visors, bandanas, etc. Hoods are not to be worn on heads.
- **Socks and appropriate closed-toe, closed-heel shoes** must be worn at all times. For safety reasons, P.E. requires rubber-soled shoes.

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Boys:

- **Neat and respectable shirts.** No low necklines, tank tops or sleeveless shirts. Shirts must have sleeves. Chest or stomach may not be exposed.
- **Neat and respectable pants, jeans or shorts.** No tight-fitting, oversized or sagging pants, jeans or shorts. All bottoms must be worn at the waist.
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Standardized Dress Code

New Standardized Dress Addendum

Students will be able to wear **polo (collared) shirts in any solid color** the other days of the week, along with the other standardized dress items specified in the current student dress code. The current standardized dress code is located at: www.GreenvilleISD.com under the Parent section. Campus principals will have the authority to announce additional Free Dress Days for students throughout the school year.

Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks

Style: Collared knit button polo style shirt or dress style buttoned shirts/blouses (long or short sleeve), turtlenecks

Colors: Red, White, Black, Navy, or Gray (solid, single colors)
Any polo (any solid, single color)

- All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times and must stay tucked in when arms are raised. Shirts must be tucked in so that belts/waistline show.
- Greenville school logos must be approved by administration. School logos are not required.
- All shirts and blouses must be fastened no lower than four (4) inches from the top of the collar.
- Stripes, checks, or other designs on shirts, blouses, or turtlenecks are not allowed.
- T-shirts, denim, thermal type, zippered, unhemmed or sleeveless tops are not allowed.
- Non-school commercially manufactured logos or labels on shirts, blouses or turtlenecks must be no larger than 1" x 1".

Slacks, Shorts, and Pants

Style: Pleated or flat front (Docker-style) slacks or pants (belted and full length); capri pants, cargo pants, walking style or cargo shorts. Slacks, shorts and pants with belt loops must have a belt in grades 6-12.

Colors: Khaki, Black, or Navy (solid, single colors)

- Hem of shorts must fall between the top and the bottom of the knee.
- Carpenter, overall, painter, hip-hugger, or low-rise style pants are not allowed.
- Baggy-style legged slacks or bell-bottom pants wider than shoes are not allowed.
- Jeans, denim, corduroy, or khaki jeans are not allowed.
- Slacks, shorts, and pants must be worn at the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
- Non-school commercially manufactured logos or labels on pants must be no larger than 1" x 1".
- Soccer or boxer style shorts are not allowed, except as directed by instructors during PE/Athletics, Cheer, Band, or Drill team classes.
- Brads, studs or other adornments are not allowed on pants, shirts, belts, or any garment.
- Shirt (top) and pants, skirt, skorts (bottom) may not be same color. Example: May not wear a black shirt with black pants.

Skirts and Skorts

Colors: Khaki, Black, or Navy (solid, single colors)

- Skirts must be no shorter than the top of the knee. Slits are allowed, but no higher than three (3) inches above the knee.
- Knee length skirts may have a kick-pleat (no more than three (3) inches above the top of the kneecap).
- Skorts must be no shorter than the top of the knee.
- Non-school commercially manufactured logos or labels on skirts or skorts must be no larger than 1" x 1".

- Shorts, tights or leggings must be worn under skirts for Pre-K through 5th grade.

Jumpers and Dresses

Style: V-neck, square neck or round neck

Colors: Khaki, Black or Navy (solid, single colors)

- Jumpers and dresses must be no shorter than the top of the knee (in both front and back). No slits are allowed.
- Collared polo shirt, blouse, or turtleneck must be worn under the jumper at all times.
- Shorts, tights or leggings must be worn under jumpers or dresses for Pre-K through 5th grade.
- Kick-pleats are allowed (no more than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap). Slits are not allowed.
- Sleeveless or low cut dresses are not allowed.
- Non-school commercially manufactured logos must be no larger than 1" x 1".
- Jumpers or dresses can be worn with dress shoes without socks in grades 6-12.

Sweatshirts, Vests, and Sweaters

Colors: Red, White, Black, Navy, or Gray (solid, single colors)

- Sweatshirts, vests, and sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length, and must be worn over collared polo shirt, blouse, or turtleneck.
- Greenville school logos must be approved by administration. School logos are not required.
- Stripes, checks, lettering, or other designs are not allowed on sweatshirts, vests or sweaters.
- Sleeveless or capped sleeve sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Hoods are not allowed on any garment.

Socks, Hose, Tights, and Leggings

Sock Colors: White, black or khaki (solid, single colors)

Sock Style: Socks must be worn with slacks, pants or shorts.

Hose, Tight, or Legging Colors: White, black, khaki, or flesh-tone (solid, single colors)

- Socks must match each other.
- Stripes, checks, or other designs on socks or hose/tights are not allowed.

Shoes and Boots

Color: Brown, black, gray or red leather-like shoes (tie or loafer-type), or brown, black, gray or red boots (pants are to be worn on the outside of the boots), or red, black, white or gray tennis shoes. Solid colored shoes are preferred, however, small commercially manufactured logos or insignia's will be allowed.

Style: Must be closed-toe and closed-heel. Para-military type boots, sandals, thongs, flip flops, house-shoes, open-toed or open-heeled shoes are not allowed. (Dress Code approved shoes also pertains to "discretionary days".)

- Shoes must match each other. Boots must match each other. Tennis shoes must match each other.
- Shoelaces must match shoes and must be tied.

Belts

Style: Leather-like dress style belts must be worn at all times. Wearing belts is encouraged, but not required for Pre-K through 5th grade unless deemed necessary by teacher/administrator.

Color: Solid colored brown or black dress style.

- Stripes, checks, or other designs on belts are not allowed.
- Belts must be appropriate size.
- Belts may not have metal studs, brads or other adornments.
- Belts may not be wider than belt loops and must be worn inside loops at the waist.
- Belt buckles must be no larger than one-half inch wider than the belt or longer than two (2) inches and may not have any adornment.

Outerwear

- Coats may be allowed in accordance with appropriate weather conditions.
- Coats may be worn outside and in hallways during passing periods, but must be removed inside classrooms and hung on back of chair or in area designated by the teacher.
- Except for coats, jackets, and windbreakers, leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, and denim materials are not allowed.
- Hooded garments are not allowed to be worn at school. If worn to school, they must be placed in the student's locker or designated area.

Other Guidelines

- Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.
- Caps, hats, hoods, or head coverings inside the buildings are not allowed.
- Overall pants, overall shorts, and overall jumpers are not allowed.
- Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except as directed by instructor during PE/athletics, cheer, band or drill team classes.
- All clothing worn inside the classroom must be solid colored and dress code colors.
- Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction. All clothing must be properly hemmed, clean and free from holes or tears.
- Undershirts must be one of the solid approved colors with no lettering or designs.
- Spandex, nylon, and stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Administrators have final judgment on all matters for interpretation of the standardized dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in the standardized dress code are within the discretion of the administration.

Additional Information

Students with Special Needs

Students with special needs will be addressed at their ARD committee meeting.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extra-curricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in those activities.

"Exception" Code provisions for New Students

Parents or guardians of new students and students moving to the district must complete and submit applications for "Exception" to the campus administrator within ten (10) school days of enrollment. Students who are denied "Exception" have fourteen (14) calendar days from notification date to meet Standardized Dress Code.

Students New to the District

New students and students moving to the district shall have fourteen (14) calendar days to meet Standardized Dress Code regulations.

"Exception" Code for Currently Enrolled Students

A parent or guardian of a student may apply for "exception" from the dress code on behalf of the student. Dress Code "Exception" forms may be obtained from the campus office or school district central office and must be submitted to campus principals by the last day of instruction of the previous school year.

Students who are approved for "Exception" are required to meet alternative/interim dress code provisions.

Discretionary Days

The principal may designate up to ten (10) days per year as "Discretionary or Spirit Days" and has the authority to establish a particular mode of attire for those special occasion days or a part of those days. During Red Ribbon month an additional five (5) days may be used. The Superintendent shall have the authority to grant five (5) additional discretionary days throughout the school year. Students who do not choose to participate with the particular mode of attire for those special occasion days are required to follow the Standardized Dress Code. Shoes must meet standardized dress code.

Pep-Rallies and other Special Events

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extra-curricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in special events such as pep-rallies. Participants in those activities are, however, still required to follow Standardized Dress Code in academic classes on those days.

Dress Code on School Property during School Hours

Students are to follow Standardized Dress Code on school property during school hours and extended instructional day activities.

Consequences

Non-"exception" students who attend school in violation of the Standardized Dress Code will be dealt with in accordance with the Greenville ISD Student Code of Conduct.

Disciplinary Actions for Dress Code Non-Compliance

Grades K-5

First day of school for students: Students who are out of dress code on the first day of school will be given a letter to take home to their parents and a copy of the standardized dress code. **The student will be allowed to go to class the first day only.**

Grades 6-12

First Day of School for Students: The parent of a student out of dress code will be called and asked to bring clothing that will adhere to the standardized dress code. The student will be placed in the auditorium and will be released from the auditorium when the student adheres to the dress code. The student will be given a letter detailing the consequences for failure to comply with the standardized dress code and a copy of the standardized dress code.

All Grades

First Offense (following the first day): A discipline referral shall be written. The parent will be called and the student will be provided with an opportunity to change clothes and conform to the standardized dress code. The student may be assigned ISS until proper clothing is worn.

Second Offense: A discipline referral shall be written. The parent will be called and the student will be provided with an opportunity to change clothes and conform to the standardized dress code. The student will be assigned to ISS until the proper clothing is worn. A parent conference will be scheduled.

Third Offense: A discipline referral shall be written. The parent will be called and the student will be placed in ISS for the entire day.

Fourth Offense: A discipline referral shall be written. The parent will be called, the student will be placed in ISS for the entire day, and the student will be assigned to GAEP for a period of at least ten (10) days. The placement term will be based upon the student conforming to the standardized dress code for ten (10) consecutive days and agreeing to adhere to the dress code upon returning to his/her campus.

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