

Flour Bluff Independent School District 2023-2024 Dress Code

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Dressing and grooming standards are considered an essential part of the educational process. All students are expected to dress and groom themselves neatly in clothing suitable for school activities.

The school has the right to ask a student to change his/her dress or personal grooming habits if it is deemed indecent, inappropriate, or disruptive to the educational environment. Repeat violations of the dress and grooming code shall be considered defiance of authority and may result in disciplinary action as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Administrators will make the final determination as to what constitutes appropriate attire. Parents who have difficulty providing clothing or shoes for their children should contact the campus counselor for assistance.

SDGC has additional requirements to the FBISD Dress Code, which are communicated in the SDGC Student/Parent Handbook. Extracurricular activities may require special dress requirements. The sponsor or coach shall make these decisions.

Exceptions and additional requirements to the dress code may be made in supervised physical activities, some extracurricular activities, or school-sponsored events as determined by the principal. Medical exceptions shall be made upon certification from the family physician of the student.

The Student Code of Conduct contains the District Dress Code. The dress code is also found on the district website at www.flourbluffschools.net.

The following expectations are required of all students in the district:

- All clothing must fit and be worn properly.
- All clothing must be appropriate for school.
- Revealing or tight-fitting materials/apparel are not appropriate.
- Garments may not have oversized pockets.
- Holes or frays must fall below the student's fingertips when standing with arms down by their side.
- School-provided, athletics-issued garments are to be worn only during the designated athletic activities.
- All articles/layers of clothing together must meet the dress code requirements. No coats will be allowed to cover inappropriate dress.
- Hornet spirit apparel must be school, or school organization related.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- Beachwear is not allowed (casual playwear and sandals with backstraps are permissible for grades PK-2).
- Clothing must be in contrasting colors (Example: No black on black, red on red, blue on blue, camouflage on camouflage, etc.)
- The midriff may not be visible, even when hands are raised above the head.
- Undergarments must not be visible.

Pants/Shorts/Slacks/Skirts/Jeans/Denim/Dresses

- Jeans/denim, slacks, pants, shorts, and skorts/skirts/dresses must be appropriately sized for the individual and may not be oversized or undersized in whole or part.
- Items must be properly sized, fitted, and worn so as not to expose the midriff, other body parts or undergarments.
- Tights or leggings may be worn under another garment that meets the dress code.
- Pants, shorts, slacks, skirts, jeans, and dresses must be no shorter than a dollar bill's width (2 ³/₄ inches) above the kneecap.
 - (Dollar bill's width does not apply at grades PK-4, Principal discretion).

At grades PK-6, girls are strongly encouraged to wear shorts/tights/leggings under dresses, due to involvement in physical activities.

Shirts/Tops/Sweaters/Jackets/Coats

- No low-cut fronts, cutouts or cleavage showing.
- The following items of clothing are not appropriate for school wear, if worn alone:
 - Muscle shirts
 - Tank tops (may be worn with other layers if the other layers meet dress code)
 - Backless, see-through, short, bare-midriff, cut-out tops and/or strapless attire
 - Tops with thin shoulder straps (may be worn with other layers, if the other layers meet dress code)

- Shoulder straps of shirts/tops/dresses must be at least the width of a dollar bill at grades 3-12.
- No trench coats/oversized jackets/coats are permitted.

Hair

- Students must be clean-shaven.
 - At the high school facial hair must be well-groomed.
- Hair must be clean, trimmed and kept out of the eyes.
- Sideburns may not be longer than the bottom of the ear.
- Hairstyles that create a distraction or are considered disruptive are not permitted, i.e., Mohawks, spiked hair, unusual colors/streaks.

Symbols

- Any article of clothing that displays illegal activities, alcohol, or drug slogans or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including, but not limited to, those that promote (suggest) sex, violence, or anti-social behavior or do not promote positive behavioral expectations will not be allowed.

Accessories

- Beads, earrings, armbands, wristbands, or other items, which symbolize anti-social group membership will not be worn. This includes spiked rings, other spiked jewelry, wallet chains, or gang related jewelry.
- Head coverings - (for example, hats, caps, hoods, etc.) will not be worn in the hallways or cafeteria. **When permitted, hats must be appropriately sized and will not be worn sideways or backwards. Each campus will have rules concerning wearing head coverings in the classroom.**
- Oversized necklaces will not be permitted (i.e., dog chains, large chains).
- Bandannas are not allowed.
- Jewelry on teeth or in the mouth is **not** permitted.

Shoes

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- All shoes must fit appropriately (securely and appropriately fastened).
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are strongly encouraged at grades PK-6, due to safety and outdoor activities.
- At grades PK-8, strapless, open-heeled sandals/shoes are **not** allowed.
- Platform, high heel or stacked sole shoes more than one-inch high are not permitted at grades PK-4.
- It is beneficial for the students to wear tennis shoes or sports shoes to activities such as P.E./Athletics or recess.
- Steel toe shoes/boots are not allowed.
- Shoes with wheels connected are not permitted.
- Bedroom slippers are not allowed.

Body Markings/Tattoos/Earrings/Piercings/Make-Up

- Students will not be allowed to display tattoos while in school dress (must be covered at all times).
- Earrings and studs may be worn **only** in the ear.
- No other body piercing is permitted.
- Make-up must not be distracting in color, design, and style.
- Writing/markings on any visible part of the body is not acceptable.

Identification Badges

The student must wear his/her school identification badge in front and above or at the waist (junior high and high school).

The campus principal has the final authority to determine whether a student's dress is within requirements of the district and campus dress codes. The principal's judgment will determine whether any items of dress, mentioned or not mentioned in the district or a campus dress code, will be considered inappropriate school attire.

