

# Columbus Independent School District

## Dress Code for 2016-2017

### DRESS AND GROOMING

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:

**The minimum standards for CISD shall be as follows:**

- Clean, neat, modest, casual clothing is appropriate for the classroom.
- Clothing and accessories shall not be worn in a manner that conceals or obscures identity or creates a safety issue.
- CHS ONLY: All students must properly display/wear student identification cards at all times. ID cards shall not be defaced in anyway, including stickers, and students are not allowed to possess any ID other than their own. First ID card is free, 2<sup>nd</sup> is three dollars, and each after the 2<sup>nd</sup> is five dollars.
- Girls – Spandex, leggings/yoga pants, tight and/or revealing clothing, or extra-thin clothing is not acceptable. The length of dresses, skirts, and shorts must be no shorter than five (5) inches above the knees. Ears are the only acceptable area for wearing piercing jewelry for girls. No holes in blue jeans or pants.
- Boys –Tank tops, undershirts, mesh knit shirts, spandex, extra-thin clothing, or tight and/or revealing clothing, facial hair, earrings, and/or facial piercing/jewelry are not acceptable. Hair length shall not be longer than shoulder length. No holes in blue jeans or pants and shirts must be tucked in under all circumstances (Grades 6-12).
- Vulgar or obscene patches and suggestive lettering or insignia of organizational products referring to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, weapons, death, gambling, or gang-related paraphernalia, colors, logos, slogans, or pictures are not permitted. Suggestive wording or phrases of any kind are prohibited.
- Appropriate footwear for school shall be worn at all times. No house/shower shoes.
- Hats, caps, or any other head covering shall not be worn inside the school building or taken into the classrooms. Non-prescription sunglasses shall not be worn inside the school building. If worn in school, these prohibited items will be confiscated.

- Hair must be clean and well groomed. No students' hair shall be colored a non-natural human color. Examples: blue, green, pink, purple, etc. No distracting hair. Examples: writing, symbols, or notched eyebrows.
- More formal dress standards than those outlined may be requested and expected by sponsors and the principal for trips, special programs, or contests.
- Some or all of the dress and grooming standards outlined may be waived by the principal on certain informal field trips and events or for special-in-school celebrations.

***According to the dress code, the administration will reserve the right to judge on all matters concerning personal appearance. The student should, if in doubt as to the appropriateness of the article of clothing or other aspect of the dress and grooming regulations, contact the principal in advance for an interpretation to avoid corrective action.***

**Consequences for dress code violations:**

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school, or makes correction(s). Students will not be allowed to leave campus. If no change can be provided, the student will spend the remainder of the day in ISS. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

