

H. M. King High School

DRESS AND GROOMING

The District's dress code serves to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents/guardians may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the campus approved dress code. See KISD Board Policy FNCA Local. Cleanliness, neatness, and good taste comprise standards of appropriate dress. Any apparel or unusual accessory that school officials have reason to believe would disrupt normal activities is unacceptable.

Students who arrive on campus out of compliance with the dress code or who, during the course of the school day, are determined to be out of compliance with the dress code will be assigned to SAC for the remainder of the school day. There will be no tolerance for non-compliance. Repeated offenses will result in more serious disciplinary action.

Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases. (See Board Policies, FOB, FOA, FOD). The principal and designees, 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 the activity. Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal/designees or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action. (See Board Policies, FOB, FOA, FOD).

Campus administrators shall have the authority/discretion to determine whether or not any aspect of student dress is appropriate for school. This shall include new styles of clothing, hairdos, jewelry, and clothing not expressly covered in this handbook. In addition, any of the dress and grooming rules may be suspended by individual principals. For example, a student with a leg cast may be permitted to wear split pants to accommodate the cast.

H. M. K. School Dress Code for 2009-2010 (These guidelines are to be observed during school hours).

General guidelines:

1. Neither baggy nor tight-fitting clothing is permitted. Students may wear clothing no more than one size larger than their actual measurements to allow for comfortable movement. Students may not wear clothing smaller than their actual measurements.
2. Drawstring clothing is not permitted.
3. Torn clothing, un-hemmed clothing, or clothing with holes is not permitted.
4. Attire designed for formal or evening wear is not appropriate for school.
5. No jewelry that requires body piercing is permitted except jewelry in the earlobes. Gauges, plugs and other piercing retainers are not permitted. Girls may wear only one piece of jewelry requiring piercing in each earlobe. Boys may not wear earrings or studs.
6. No grill or other type of oral jewelry is permitted.
7. Sunglasses may be worn outdoors only.
8. No caps, hats, hairnets, sweatbands, bandannas, do rags, or other head coverings may be worn in school or taken into any school building, except caps, which may only be taken to and worn in CATE (Career and Technology Education) shops with teacher approval.
9. Extremes in make-up are not permitted.
10. Appropriate underwear should be worn and worn properly. No item of underwear should be visible at any time.

Pants (pertaining to both male and female students)

1. Students may wear slim, regular, or relaxed-fit pants. Baggy/oversized pants are not permitted. When pulled to the side, pants must not extend more than six (6) inches from the leg. No tight-fitting pants are permitted; fabrics such as spandex, Lycra blends, etc. are not permitted.
2. Students may wear pants no shorter than two and five-eighths ($2\frac{5}{8}$) inches [the width of a dollar bill] above the kneecap all the way around the leg when the student stands erect. Pants may not be so long that they touch the ground or cover the entire shoe.
3. All pants with belt loops must have belts properly in place. Zippers or buttons are required on pants.
4. Pants must be worn at the top of the hipbone or above.
5. No split seams may be worn.
6. Students may wear neither pants nor other clothing with holes or split seams.
7. Students may not wear pajamas, wind pants, or clothing (pants, shorts, or suits) designed for jogging/exercising at school except during a P.E./Athletics class.

Shirts and Blouses

1. Tops with plunging, low-cut, or revealing necklines may not be worn under any circumstances.
2. Shirts and blouses must have some sort of sleeve. Sleeve openings must not reveal undergarments or chest area.
3. T-shirts intended as underwear may only be worn as underwear.
4. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in all the way around.
5. Baggy shirts and blouses are not allowed.
6. Muscle shirts/blouses are not allowed. Blouses, shirts, or other tops that have any form of back or front exposure (for example, sundresses) may not be worn.
7. Blouses, shirts, or other tops made of sheer fabric through which anything underneath is visible may only be worn over tops consistent with the dress code and through which nothing is visible.
8. No cleavage or midriff may be exposed under any circumstances. No skin between the neckline and the bottom of the skirt or pants may be exposed while standing, sitting, and bending over, raising a hand, etc.

Skirts and Dresses

1. Dresses and skirts may be no shorter than two and five-eighths ($2\frac{5}{8}$) inches [the width of a dollar bill] above the top of the kneecap all the way around the leg when the student stands erect.
2. Slits on dresses and skirts may rise no higher than two and five-eighths ($2\frac{5}{8}$) inches [the width of a dollar bill] above the top of the kneecap all the way around the leg when the student stands erect.
3. Sundresses and other attire that have any back or front exposure are not to be worn to school.
4. Skirts must be worn at the top of the hipbone or above.

Outerwear

1. Sweaters, coats and jackets must not extend below the student's extended fingertips when the student stands erect.

2. Students are not permitted to wear dusters, long raincoats, or trench coats.
3. Students are not allowed to wear hoods on campus. Hooded sweatshirts or jackets are permitted as long as the hood is not worn as a head cover.
4. Neither the waist nor sleeve of a sweater or sweatshirt may extend below the student's wrists.

Footwear

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. No type of flip-flop/shower shoe is permitted. All sandals must have a strap around the heel; no slip-ons.
2. Students may not wear footwear with steel toes or any noise-making devices.
3. House slippers/house shoes are not permitted.

Hair

1. Hair must be clean, combed, and neatly trimmed.
2. Hair must be styled in such a way as to remain out of the face and away from the eyes.
3. Unusual hairstyles (those that create a class distraction or disruption) and unnatural hair coloring (pink, green, etc.) are not permitted.
4. Sideburns and mustaches must be neatly trimmed. Sideburns may not extend below the top of the earlobe. Mustaches may not extend beyond the corners of the mouth. The remainder of the face must be clean-shaven. Neither beards nor goatees are permitted.

The following items may not be worn at school or at school-related functions:

1. Clothing, jewelry, or emblems with skulls, whole or parts of skeletons, blood, depictions of violence, or suggestions of the occult, sex, and/or violence;
2. Clothing, jewelry, or emblems exhibiting offensive, obscene, or suggestive pictures, symbols, or language;
3. Clothing, jewelry, or emblems exhibiting language, pictures, or symbols that suggest, allude to, advertise, or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any controlled substance;
4. Gang-related clothing or jewelry or clothing or jewelry exhibiting gang-related language, pictures, or symbols;
5. Clothing or jewelry exhibiting any language, picture, or symbol negatively associated with any race, ethnic group, religion, gender, or nationality;
6. Spikes;
7. Visible tattoos or visible drawings on the skin that resemble tattoos;
8. Wallet chains.