

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

The Keller ISD dress code is established to prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. All students are expected to dress in a respectful manner within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it.

Keller ISD expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day and for any school sponsored event. Our Student Dress Code is designed to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology, dance, or PE.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that reasonably can be construed as being or including content that is profane, racist, lewd, vulgar or obscene, or that reasonably can be construed as containing fighting words, speech that incites others to imminent lawless action, defamatory speech, or threats to others.

Basic Principle:

Clothing must cover undergarments. Fabric covering all private parts must be fully covered. Although, cleavage has no specific coverage requirements, plunging necklines are not allowed. All items listed in the “must wear” and “may wear” categories below must meet this basic principle.

Students Must Wear:

- Clothing including both a shirt with pants, dress, skirt, or the equivalent and shoes.
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, CTE courses, and other activities where unique hazards exist.

Students May Wear:

- Religious headwear
- Hoodie sweatshirts (wearing the hood overhead is not allowed inside the building. The face and ears must be visible to school staff).
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”
- Sweatpants, shorts, skirts, dresses, pants
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed.
- Tank tops, excluding spaghetti straps
- Athletic attire
- Clothing with commercial or athletic logos as long as they do not violate the guidelines in the “May Not Wear” section below

Students May Not Wear:

- Strapless, backless, halter, bare-midriff, or spaghetti strap shirts/blouses
- Pajamas (unless designated by campus)
- Hats, hoods, caps, visors, or similar hat-like apparel (unless approved by administration)
- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity).
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice)
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance).

For special events, defined by campus administration, specific dress requirements may be set. When there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the building administrator and school staff will use their discretion concerning the dress code. Students must honor the decision of the administrator in charge and make any dress and/or grooming change required.

Solutions to Address Dress Code

In the event that a student is not following the dress code, the administrator/staff member should address the student in private to come up with a solution using the following guidelines:

- Students will be given the option of removing articles and accessories that do not conform to the dress code.
- Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- If necessary, students' parents/guardians may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the school day.

The Board authorizes school administrators to make appropriate adjustments in the dress code to fit the unique needs of a particular campus and to employ appropriate disciplinary procedures to carry out and enforce this policy.