

# Killeen High School Dress Code

## 2016– 2017 School Year

The dress and grooming standards of Killeen High School are meant to promote a positive, professional learning environment where the focus is on instruction and not on clothing. Clothing, hairstyles, and accessories should not be disruptive, immodest or compromise student safety.

Students shall come to school looking clean, neat, and ready to learn. The school prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on materials or clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, immodest, or promote or refer to alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF (1). The school also prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal operations. Shirts or other clothing items depicting or promoting acts of violence, guns, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, gang activity or affiliation or other offensive items are specifically prohibited. **All dress code issues will be subject to the campus administrator's judgment.**

All Dress Code regulations apply to ALL high school students. ALL students must display their student identification card at all times. Students are expected to be in compliance with the dress code at all times on campus and while attending school functions.

The following statements serve as guidelines so that there is no question of what is acceptable (The list is not intended to be all inclusive). **These items are not allowed:**

- **Pants and shorts with holes, frays, or cuts that show skin THAT ARE LOCATED MORE THAN 4 INCHES ABOVE THE KNEE** are NOT permitted. You may wear shorts or leggings under the pants if the holes are too high. **Skin should not be visible** more than 4 inches above the knee.
- Sagging pants applies to both boys and girls. Jeans, slacks, shorts, and all other pants must be worn at the hip and cover all undergarments. Pants are required to fit normally at the natural inseam. **Sagging is a dress code violation. Students who are sagging will be asked to change pants, have an AP zip tie the pants for the remainder of the day, have a parent bring a change of clothes or a belt, or go to ISS.** Repeated offense will result in disciplinary action.
- Inappropriate exercise clothing without an appropriate covering garment.

- Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas, and other headwear worn into the building. No hats or head gear should be visible in the building.
- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. No undergarments or pajamas are to be worn as outerwear.
- Bare feet are not acceptable; flip-flops are acceptable; house shoes are not permitted.
- Transparent and see through clothing are not permitted unless clothing underneath meets dress code standard. This includes the “sheer” type as no undergarments should be visible.
- Bathing/Swimsuits
- Pants with one pant leg rolled up or worn at a different length than the other.
- Any head coverings (except for religious or medical reasons) including hoods, hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, knit caps, and “do-rags”
- Combs/hair picks/curlers. **Picks should not be worn in the hair.**
- Dog collars, chains, wallet chains, safety pins, spike jewelry or fishhooks worn as jewelry, accessories or ornamentation. This includes any metal studded collars, choker chains, armbands, wristbands, or other metal studded accessories.
- **Leggings or spandex type pants** worn as an outer garment, see-through pants, tights, or leotards worn as outer garments. “Biker”/spandex pants or shorts are also not acceptable. **Pockets and zippers must be on your pants.**
- Clothing and accessories that promote alcohol, tobacco, or drug usage or which display weapons or violence, and which cause or are likely to cause a disruption within the school environment.
- Tank tops, tube tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, halters, or bare midriff tops. Two shirts worn together cannot make the shoulder width comply with dress code. Shirts cannot have necklines that are lower than the straight line from top of underarm across to opposite underarm. **Display of cleavage is not permitted.** Tops may not expose the midriff, and clothing must cover undergarments at all times. Clothing must adhere to dress code without having to pull and tug the garment back into compliance.
- Gloves in the building.
- Clothing and accessories that contain vulgar, derogatory or suggestive diagrams, pictures, slogans or words that may be interpreted as racially, religiously, ethnically, or sexually offensive and which cause or are likely to cause a disruption within the school environment.
- Clothing symbolic of gangs or disruptive groups associated with threatening behavior, harassment or discrimination and which cause or are likely to cause a disruption within the school environment.
- Accessories that may cause a safety problem and/or be disruptive of the learning process.
- Do-rags are not allowed anywhere on campus or at any school-sponsored event.

The following is intended to address male and female dress individually:

#### **Boys:**

- **Shirts with sleeves must be worn at all times.**
- Shorts must extend to or below 4 inches above the knee.

#### **Girls:**

- Sleeveless tops with straps with a minimum width of the ID card are acceptable. The shirt straps must be wide enough to cover undergarments. **Bras and bra straps should not show.**
- See-through, bare midriff, halter type, razor back, shoulder bearing, or spaghetti strap blouses or any revealing clothing is not permitted. Shirts or blouses should not come off the shoulder. Two shirts worn together cannot make the shoulder width comply with dress code. Shirt hems should extend below the

waist of pants/shorts/skirts whether in a sitting or standing position. If a jacket is worn to cover a possible dress code violation it must also cover undergarments or camisoles.

- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must extend to or below 4 inches above the knee. Dresses that are longer but are sheer or see through are not appropriate. **Tights or leggings worn underneath a dress that does not meet dress code regulations do not make the dress appropriate. Dresses will be measured from the middle of the back of the knee and to the part that is NOT sheer or see through.**
- **If there is a question about tights, yoga pants, etc. REMEMBER that if there are no pockets and zippers they are not acceptable.**

Students who are found to be in violation of this requirement will receive disciplinary action.