

# Danbury ISD Dress Code

## 2010-2011

### **DRESS AND GROOMING**

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, teach respect for authority and reflect community standards. The dress code is not intended to cover all possible dress and grooming issues. The fact that a particular mode of dress or jewelry is not covered in the standards is not an indication that it is acceptable. The principal or designee will determine individual issues. Generally, the school will provide temporary clothing (i.e., sweats) for the first or second offense. After that, the student will be suspended, or placed in ISS until the student is provided with the proper clothing. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following guidelines: **ELEMENTARY:** (For unique special events the campus administration may establish event specific dress code requirements.)

#### **General**

Grooming and dress requirements may be modified to fit special events. The principal or designee prior to the event should approve modifications to the normal school day requirements.

1. No visible permanent or temporary writing or drawing on the skin is permitted. This includes, but is not limited to tattoos.
2. The District prohibits any clothing that the principal or designee reasonably believes will interfere with instruction or cause disruption of the normal school environment. The final decision is left up to the professional judgment of the principal of the school.

#### **Hair**

1. No letter, number, symbol or slashes (other than a 'part') may be worn in the hair.
2. Hair should be neat, clean and not interfere with vision. Boys may wear their hair not to exceed a length touching the top of the shoulders. Extreme hairstyles, such as mohawks and mullets, which do not conform to community standards, shall be disallowed. The principal shall determine the standard.
3. Hair may not be dyed an unnatural (artificial) color (example: blue, green, purple).
4. The face must be clean-shaven.
5. Sideburns should be trimmed and should not extend below the bottom of the ear.

#### **Clothing**

1. **Elementary School:** Shoes are to be worn at all times. "Flip-flop" thong sandals and bedroom slippers are not allowed. Backless shoes are not allowed. The height of the platform on a shoe or the height of the heel on a shoe should not exceed 1 inch. Rubber boots and shoes containing built-in wheels are prohibited.

**Middle & High School: Shoes must be worn at all times.** Athletic shoes are preferred, boots and dress shoes are allowed. Shoes must have a manufactured leather strap on the back. Flip-flops, including dress flip-flops, house shoes, or slippers are not permitted.

2. Clothing should cover the body and fit in such a manner as to promote the modesty of the individual, and should be in reasonable conformity with age appropriate community standards.
3. Clothing which exposes the mid-section of the body while sitting, standing or when arms are raised above the head is not allowed. **Elementary School:** Top lengths must come past the waistband when arms are fully extended above the head.
4. Low cut dresses, shirts or blouses are not permissible.
5. **Elementary School:** Shirts with buttons down the front need to be worn buttoned and tailored shirts tucked in. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, basketball jerseys, sweater vests, fishnet and mesh shirts may not be worn as shirts without a legal garment underneath such as an acceptable tee shirt. No muscle shirts allowed.

**Middle & High School:** Shirts are to be buttoned. Tank tops/muscle shirts, sundresses, sweater vests, sleeveless shirts, fishnet and mesh shirts may not be worn as shirts without a legal garment underneath.

6. **Elementary:** Sundresses and sleeveless shirts must be formfitting around the arm with no undergarments or inappropriate areas showing. When arms are extended diagonally the bottom of the material should not extend 2 inches from the underarm. Capped sleeves may be worn.
7. Clothing with holes slits or cuts are not appropriate. Clothing made of “see-through” material is not appropriate. All closures on overalls and other clothing must be fastened in the manner designed by the manufacturer.
8. Proper undergarments are required and should not be exposed.
9. **Elementary School:** Shorts, dresses and skirts are appropriate provided they are longer than the middle fingertip when the student’s relaxed arm and hand are placed next to the body. Height of the student shall not be considered as a determining factor. This measurement of fingertip length will be used on front and back of item.

**Middle & High School:** Shorts, dresses and skirts are appropriate provided they are not more than 6 inches above the bottom of the kneecap. Tights or leggings may be worn if covered by clothing no shorter than extended fingertip length.

10. **Elementary School:** Athletic shorts made of plastic, silk or wind shorts, short shorts, un-hemmed cut-offs, and bicycle shorts shall not be worn. Shorts or skirts with inverted “V” notches or slits will use the top of the “V” or slit for determination of length. Words or pictures are not permitted on the back of shorts, pants or skirts. Tights or leggings may be worn if covered by clothing no shorter than extended fingertip length.

**Middle & High School:** Wind shorts, short shorts, un-hemmed cut-offs, and bicycle shorts shall not be worn.

11. Excessively tight or oversized, baggy clothing are not acceptable. Pants, skirts, or jumpers shall be properly sized. Pants and shorts must fit at the waist and crotch, and be hemmed or cuffed.
12. Hats, caps, visors, hairnets, gloves, bandanas, and sweatbands shall not be worn at any time during the regular school day.
13. Non-prescription sunglasses shall not be worn inside of the school building or taken into the classroom. The prescription must be on file prior to authorization of wearing of sunglasses.
14. No advertisement for alcoholic beverages, tobacco or tobacco-related products, drug or drug-related products, suggestive or obscene writing or pictures on clothing are allowed as part of the school dress during the school day or school activity. Any item of clothing or accessories with inappropriate decoration or wording is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to, any item that depicts the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, beer, sexual connotations, tobacco, drugs, or alcohol. This includes hats, shirts, jackets, pants, buttons, bandanas, or trademark items associated with the above.
15. Clothing associated with gang activity shall not be worn. This determination will be made by the principal or designee.
16. **Elementary School:** Students may not apply makeup or perfume during the school day.
17. **Elementary School:** Students may not bring any type of purse, fanny pack, sling bags or small backpacks to the classrooms or gym. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades may leave these items in their lockers.
18. Female students may wear a maximum of two earrings per ear in the ear lobe; only stud earrings may be worn during P.E. Earrings may not exceed 1 inch in length or width. Earrings should only enter and exit from one hole. No bar earrings. Large metal chains may not be worn, either around the neck or as a watch-chain.
19. Male students are not allowed to wear earrings, studs, and/or spacers.
20. **Middle & High School:** Jewelry, including earrings, may not be worn while participating in an athletic activity.
21. No visible body piercing other than allowed earrings are permitted. Facial piercings are prohibited.
22. Belts may not be worn with the end of the belt extending more than 4" below the belt-line.