

The Aledo ISD dress standards are established to prevent disruption and support the safety of all students, staff and campus visitors. All students are expected to dress in a respectful manner within the acceptable standards of the educational community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere. Specifically, the dress standards are intended to teach students a skill that is required for success in future employment.

Aledo 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 standards are designed to accomplish the following 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.

Students shall come to school looking clean, neat and ready to learn. Furthermore, to support proper hygiene on campus and maintain an environment conducive to learning, blankets and pillows, whether “worn” or carried, are prohibited on campus unless otherwise directed by the school staff.

Students Must Wear:

- Clothing that covers all private body parts at all times.
 - Undergarments and clothing including both a shirt with pants, dress, skirt, or the equivalent.
 - Shorts, including athletic shorts, must extend beyond the buttocks and pelvic region at all times.
- Shoes at all times.

- Clothing suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs and CTE courses, and other activities where unique hazards exist.

Students May Wear:

- Religious headwear
- Hooded sweatshirts
 - Hoods cannot be worn while in the building.
- Fitted pants (including leggings, joggers, and “skinny jeans”)
- Sweatpants, shorts, skirts, dresses, pants
- Ripped jeans if undergarments and buttocks are not exposed
- Tank tops, excluding those with spaghetti straps
- Athletic attire
- Clothing that does 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/dresses.
- Clothing that reveals undergarments.
- Pajamas or house shoes/slippers.
- Hats, hoods, caps, visors or similar hat-like apparel (unless approved by administration).
- Costume apparel or accessories.
- Clothing displaying violent language or images.
- Clothing with images or language depicting or representing drugs, alcohol (or any illegal item or activity), hate speech, profanity or pornography.
- Clothing with images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face (except as a religious observance or as required by the district to mitigate health risks associated with the spread of communicable disease).

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 standards of dress.

Solutions to Address Aledo ISD dress standards:

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

- Students are expected to be in compliance with the dress standards during the instructional day.
- Students will be given the option of removing articles and accessories that do not conform to the standards of dress.
- Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to the standards for the remainder of the day.
- Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to standards for the remainder of the day (when available).
- 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.
- Students will not be allowed to leave campus for the purpose of changing clothes.

If a student refuses to accept the solutions provided above, he or she will be deemed as noncompliant and will be addressed in accordance with the Aledo ISD Student Code of Conduct.

The school administrators may make appropriate adjustments in the dress standards to fit the unique needs of a campus or student needs, and shall employ appropriate disciplinary procedures to carry out and enforce this policy.