

Dress Code Regulations

Students within the Galena Park Independent School District will adhere to dress code policies. A Standardized Dress Code policy has been adopted by each elementary and middle school campus, with the consent of the Site-Based Committee. Traditional dress code will continue for all high school campuses.

The principal of the school shall have the discretion to determine if a student's attire, hair, and/or grooming is acceptable and does not cause a distraction within appropriate health and safety standards.

Principals have the authority to modify the attire for special occasion days and events.

Each student will display appropriate grooming and dress for the educational environment. Attire or hair styles which are deemed to be a distraction or disturbance to learning are prohibited.

Students who violate the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students assigned to the Center for Success (CFS) will be required to wear navy blue, khaki or black slacks and a shirt issued by CFS.

Unacceptable Hair and Grooming

Unacceptable hair and/or grooming examples: facial hair (beards, mustaches), gang related, profane, vulgar language or gang symbols cut into hair, or tattooed or cut into the skin. The principal of the school shall have the discretion to determine if a student's hair and/or grooming is acceptable and does not cause a distraction. Each campus, 6th through 12th grade, will determine how to address a student's violation of the grooming code, in regard to facial hair. This campus decision will be communicated in writing to the parent of every student, with the students in grades 6 through 12 prior to the beginning of the school year.

Student clubs, organizations, and extracurricular activities such as athletics, drill team, etc. may have their own policy about colored hair for their program.

Standardized Dress Code (elementary and middle schools) incorporates all of the following. (Individual campuses are more specific regarding colors. Please contact your school.)

Facial Hair

This notice serves as the written communication to parents that facial hair is not permitted. The following actions will be taken when a violation of the facial hair guidelines occurs.

- 6 – 8 Grades**
1. Student's parent will be contacted.
 2. Student will be given the opportunity to shave that evening and come to school clean-shaven the next day.
 3. If a student refuses to comply, consequences according to the Student Code of Conduct will apply.
 4. A student can/may be prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities until the situation is resolved.

9 – 12 Grades

1. Student will be given a razor and shaving cream, so the student can rectify the situation immediately and return to his studies.
2. If a student refuses to comply, consequences according to the Student Code of Conduct will apply.
3. A student can/may be prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities until the situation is resolved.

Elementary School Dress Code

Attire

Dresses, jumpers, shorts, slacks, skirts, skorts

Collared shirts or blouses

Colors

Navy Blue, Khaki, Black (dress code bottoms)

Any solid color

Spirit Day – Principal to designate days

Spirit shirt, college shirt, or standardized dress tops may be worn with either jeans or standardized dress code bottoms.

Middle School Dress Code

Attire

Dresses, jeans, jumpers, shorts, slacks, skirts, skorts

Collared shirts or blouses

Colors

Navy Blue, Khaki, Black (dress code bottoms)

One color per grade level (Please contact the school for specific information)

Spirit Day – Principal to designate days

Spirit shirt, college shirt, or standardized dress tops may be worn

Rules for Elementary & Middle School

- Shirts must not have a logo and must not be oversized
- Pants must fit at the waist or a student must wear a belt; there will be no sagging. Students whose pants are sagging will have their pants cinched with a zip tie.
- Pants may not have any holes exposing skin above the knee
- No spandex, leather, or pleather pants, skirts, or shorts
- Shorts, skirts, dresses, and skorts must be mid-thigh or longer
- Shirts must be tucked in
- No leggings unless under a skirt or dress
- Long shirts are not considered a dress
- Hair must be clean and out of the face and be a natural color
- No symbols or shapes may be cut into the hair
- No backless shoes
- No pierced ring or stud in visible body parts besides ears (e.g. lip, nose, eyebrows, tongue)
- No gauges in ears
- All tattoos must be completely covered
- A student's attire cannot cause a distraction
- **All backpacks or over-sized bags/purses must be see-through (clear or mesh).**
- **Appropriate mask/face covering shall be optional for all students in grades PK-12.**

Additional Rules for Middle School Only

- Jackets must be unzipped when students enter the building so that staff can see color of shirt.
- Pull over sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. must be the solid color of the grade level

High School Dress Code

For Girls

Neat, clean, well-fitting clothing:
Dresses/skirts (mid-thigh or longer), mid-thigh shorts, or pants with tops and shoes

For Boys

Neat, clean, well-fitting clothing:
Pants or mid-thigh shorts with tops and shoes
Hair out of eyes

Unacceptable Attire

Tank tops	Blankets
Tight fitted clothing	Duster coats/Trench coats
Caps	Hats
Midriff tops	Bandanas
Athletic jerseys	Pierced ring or stud in visible body parts besides ears (e.g. lip, nose, eyebrows, tongue)
Baggy, saggy, or oversized clothing	House shoes/slippers
Shirts with gang symbols, slogans, or colors	Shoes with wheels
Slacks/pants/skirts worn below the waist	Gauges in ears

Rules for High School

- Students must wear their Student ID Badge visible around their neck at all times
- Shirts must not be oversized and must be tucked in
- Shirts must not be low cut or tight
- Pants must fit at the waist or a student must wear a belt. There will be no sagging. Students whose pants are sagging will have their pants cinched with a zip tie.
- Pants may not have any holes exposing skin above the knee
- No leather or pleather pants, skirts, dresses, or shorts
- No clothes with reference to alcohol, sex, vulgar language, gang symbols, or shapes
- No visible tattoos with reference to alcohol, sex, vulgar language, or gang symbols, affiliations or shapes
- All tattoos on neck or face must be covered at all times
- Yoga/spandex pants allowed only with a long shirt that comes below the buttocks
- Hair must be clean and out of the face
- No facial hair
- No symbols or shapes may be cut into the hair
- A student's attire cannot cause a distraction
- **All backpacks or over-sized bags/purses must be see-through (clear or mesh).**
- No backless shoes

Students should be cautious when selecting shoes for school. High heels can become uncomfortable after an entire day of school. Galena Park I.S.D. is not responsible for injuries due to shoe choice.