

DRESS AND GROOMING (Intermediate Campus)

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

I. General Guidelines

- a. All students are to practice personal hygiene and wear deodorant.
- b. Organizational uniforms must meet dress code.
- c. Clothing, accessories, or styles that express vulgarity, promote drugs, alcohol or tobacco, promote violence, solicit racial discord (i.e. Confederate flags) or promote gang related activity are not permitted.
- d. Clothing with slogans, suggestive or controversial designs, accessories, or styles that might create a distraction from the learning process are not permitted.

II. Hair

- a. Students are expected to keep their hair neat, well groomed, and out of their faces.
- b. Hair may not be spiked, have designs shaved next to the scalp; or be dyed or bleached a color unnatural to hair colors. Designs cut into eyebrows are also prohibited.
- c. Boy's hair must not extend below a shirt collar, the middle of the ear, or below their eyebrows.
- d. Boys may not have ponytails, rat-tails, Mohawks, or faux-hawks.
- e. Mustaches and beards are not permitted. Faces must be clean shaven and sideburns must be neatly trimmed not extending below the ear.

III. Clothing

- a. All clothing must be free from holes or tears above the knee. Any repair work should be neatly patched from the inside.
- b. All shirts must be buttoned four inches from the collar unless an appropriate shirt is worn underneath.
- c. All shirts must be a reasonable length as determined by campus administration or must be tucked into waistband.
- d. Undershirts are not acceptable as outerwear. Spaghetti strap shirts are acceptable when worn with a sleeved shirt over it or under it (layered).
- e. Tank tops are acceptable as outerwear only if straps are the width of three fingers of the child wearing the tank top.
- f. Students must wear undergarments which are not to be exposed.
- g. Girls may not wear see-through blouses unless worn with a camisole. Boys may not wear see-through shirts without an appropriate undershirt.
- h. Boys must wear sleeved shirts.
- i. Halter tops, tube tops, crop tops, backless, low-cut shirts are not permitted. Flesh may not show when both hands are raised.
- j. Miniskirts and short shorts are not allowed.
- k. Students may wear shorts/skirts hemmed to an appropriate length as defined by campus

- administration. Acceptable length can be defined as 3 inches above the knee.
- l. The waistband of pants and shorts must be worn at the waist and the hem should not touch the floor. Extremely baggy clothing will not be allowed.
 - m. Skin-tight clothing such as dance wear, leotards, or biker shorts are only permitted as layers under appropriate clothing. Stylish jogging suits are acceptable (P.E. clothing or athletic-issued sweat-suits are not permitted unless approved by administration).
 - n. Students may wear Yoga pants as long as the shirt worn meets the required acceptable length of 3 inches above the knee.
 - o. Pajamas and house shoes are not permitted.
 - p. Shoes must be worn at all times. Steel cleats, rubber cleats, or "Heeley" type shoes may not be worn. Students are expected to wear gym-appropriate shoes during PE or athletic periods.

IV. Accessories

- a. No head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to hats, caps, or bandanas may be worn in the building. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building.
- b. Earrings may be worn by girls only. No gauges are allowed.
- c. Body piercings are not allowed. Tongue rings, eyebrow rings, nose rings, spacers, or any other visible piercing other than earrings on girls are not permitted. Covering an unauthorized piercing will not suffice, it must be removed.
- d. Skin decorations including permanent or temporary tattoos, symbols, words etc. must be concealed/covered at all times including athletic classes.
- e. Accessories that could be used as or considered weapon including but not limited to wallet chains and/or choke chains are not allowed.
- f. Boys may not wear fake fingernails or finger or toenail polish

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school.

If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**** ALL STAFF MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THE DRESS CODE ****

The Student Dress Code is approved by the Mabank ISD Board of Trustees and is based on the recommendations from a committee of parents, teachers and students. Ball caps, sunglasses (worn in the bldg. or classroom), earrings, iPods, radios, playing cards/dice will automatically be taken up and held in administrator's office for parent/guardian to pick up.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

Mabank ISD believes that student use of alcohol and illicit drugs is both wrong and harmful. Students found to be in violation of district policy shall be disciplined accordingly. (See Disciplinary Policies and Procedures Plan for details).