

Silsbee Elementary & Laura Reeves Primary

Dress and Grooming

A student's appearance has much to do with the way he/she feels, with conduct, and with the way other students respond to him/her. Appearance also has a great deal to do with a student's success and the kind of learning atmosphere in the school. Because of this, Silsbee ISD has established this dress code for students.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. The dress code is enforced during normal school hours on all school property. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards.

- Students must wear school ID each day.
- Shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, etc. may have writing or pictures on them that are age appropriate. Examples of articles of clothing that are prohibited include those that have pictures or words advertising wrestling, rock music, NASCAR, guns, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, satanic slogans, racial slurs or racial bias, sexually suggestive slogans.
- Shirts must not be excessive in length and must be buttoned within one button at the top.
- Shirts, blouses, and dresses must have sleeves.
- All see-through garments are prohibited.
- Exaggerated necklines and bare midriffs are prohibited.
- Spandex or any form-fitting garments are prohibited.
- Leggings and jeggings are permitted only if the shirt reaches mid-thigh.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses may be no shorter than three (3) inches above the top of the kneecap from the bend in the back of the knee for grades 3-5.
- Splits may be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the kneecap for grades 3-5.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at waist level and fit appropriately in the seat and waist. No holes in pants. No underwear will be visible. Belts are optional; however, if pants do not fit properly, a belt will be required to keep pants at waist level. Pants and shorts with elastic waistbands will be acceptable. Wind pants with snap closures on the sides are prohibited.
- Shorts must be worn under dresses and skirts for grades Pre-K-5.
- Pants are not to have any rips, cuts, or holes above the knee.
- No slogans, words or acronyms allowed on backs of pants, shorts and skirts.

- Overall straps must be over the shoulder and buckled; sides must be buttoned.
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Backless shoes, shoes with cleats, house shoes, taps or roller blades are not permitted. Shoes must not have more than a one inch heel. This is a safety issue. Tennis shoes are required in Wellness/P. E.
- Hats and/or caps, hoods, bandannas, and scarves are prohibited during the school day except on designated “special days”. When allowed, hats and/or caps must be worn properly.
- Sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are not to be worn inside the school building except on designated “special days”.
- No fake fingernails.
- Girls may wear jewelry; however, it must not be worn excessively. Any pendant, earring, or other article of jewelry which displays any firearm (except awards or symbols of recognized competitive or safety organizations), illegal drug (marijuana leaf, etc.), racial slur, or any display that promotes gang activity or affiliation will not be permitted.
- With the exception of female students having pierced ears, any ornament or piece of jewelry associated with body piercing is prohibited.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings, ear studs, or spacers.
- Spike necklaces or bracelets are not permitted.
- Heavy gauged chains worn as jewelry or decorative attire are prohibited.
- Boys’ hair length is not to exceed shoulder length at the neckline.
- Hair styles/cuts must have hair out of the eyes and those that are distracting or take away from the dignity of the school (unnatural colors, slogans, Mohawks, spikes, insignias, words, letters or designs cut into the hair, etc.) are prohibited.
- Outer garments of abnormal length (such as trench coats and dusters) may not be worn in the building.
- Unnatural contacts are not permitted.

Each year there are a few things, including some “fads” that appear on our campus. We are not listing any of these, nor are we making a regulation to cover all problems that may arise. When a fad becomes a nuisance on the Silsbee Elementary School campuses, we shall attempt to work with the parent to eliminate the nuisance. Anything that distracts from the spirit or the dignity of our school will be regulated.

If there is any question in your mind about the appropriateness of an item of clothing please save this item for weekends or evenings. Questionable dress or appearance will be referred to the office.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to In School Detention for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

A student whose clothing violates the dress code shall be assigned to In School Detention either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school.

Repeated dress code offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. (See FO series)