

Edwards-Johnson Memorial Silsbee Middle School

Dress and Grooming

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:

1. Apparel with suggestive or vulgar slogans, satanic symbols, skulls, or apparel advertising tobacco, drugs or alcoholic beverages is not permitted.
2. Knee-length shorts are permitted for boys and girls.
3. Capri pants are permitted. Capri pants are defined as “mid-calf-length women’s pants”.
4. Bare midriffs are not permitted.
5. See-through clothing is not permitted.
6. Spandex or any form-fitting garments are prohibited.
7. Leggings are permitted only if the shirt reaches mid-thigh.
8. Sunglasses, unless prescribed by a physician, are not permitted inside the building and may be confiscated.
9. Hats, bandanas, caps, head sweatbands, scarves, and jacket hoods are not allowed on campus. Students should not have hats, caps, or bandanas in their possession during the school day. Items such as these that are brought into the building may be confiscated and may be returned to the student at the end of the day by an administrator. Persistent infractions may require a parent to claim the item and disciplinary consequences issued. Bandanas and or “gang colors” or other gang identifying items of clothing are not permitted on any SISD campus at any time.
10. Anything that displays any alcoholic beverage, illicit drug, tobacco product, racial slur, marijuana or any other emblem viewed as displaying or promoting gang or racially related activities or affiliation will be determined as depicting such and will not be tolerated by this district. Displaying symbols that invoke gang related activity or negative will not be allowed.
11. Clothing that displays messages that may be interpreted to have double meanings will not be allowed on campus.
12. No words, slogans, or acronyms allowed on backs of pants, skirts, and shorts.
13. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately.
14. Pajama bottoms (pants) are prohibited.

15. All students will wear shoes to school. Cleated-shoes, house slippers, or shoes with taps are not permitted.
16. Hemlines and splits on dresses and skirts cannot be higher than three inches above the knee.
17. Hairstyles that include designs or Mohawks will not be allowed. Hairstyles that are distracting or detract from the dignity of the school will be regulated.
18. Boys may have neatly trimmed facial hair/beards. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and be no lower than the ear lobe. Mustaches must be neatly trimmed. No unnatural hair colors.
19. Spiked bracelets or necklaces are prohibited. Heavy gauged chains, including wallet chains, worn as jewelry or decorative attire are prohibited.
20. Jewelry may be worn; however, any pendant, earring, or any other article of jewelry or clothing, which displays any firearm (machine gun, pistol, etc.), except as awards of recognized competitive or safety organizations will not be permitted. Any jewelry that displays illegal drugs, racial slurs or anything that displays or promotes gang activity or affiliation will not be permitted.
21. Boys may wear "stud" earrings that fit the earlobe. No gauges, spikes, or jewelry depicting weapons nor drug references will be permitted.
22. Girls may wear a small nose stud. No rings will be permitted.
23. Body piercing (other than the nose of female students) is not permitted.
24. Outer garments of abnormal length (such as dusters or trench coats) may not be worn inside the building.
25. Sundresses are not permitted.
26. Sleeveless shirts and muscle shirts are not permitted.
27. Tops, dresses, shirts, or blouses exposing the midriff, back area, or cleavage are not permitted.
28. Pants are not to have any rips, cuts, or holes above the knee. Pants are not to sag inappropriately and must be worn at the appropriate level so the underwear is not exposed. Belts must be buckled and tightened appropriately.
29. Overall belts and straps must be buckled.
30. All students will adhere to cleanliness and personal hygiene.
31. Unnatural Contacts are not permitted.

Questionable dress or appearance will be referred to the office. Any attire that draws undue attention or judged to be "in bad taste" will be addressed. Students of EJM-SMS are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Students who do not comply with the personal appearance and dress code will be subject to disciplinary action. Time lost in the classroom in order to comply with the appearance and dress code will be considered

an unexcused absence. **Students will not be allowed to make up work missed due to an unexcused absence.**

Each year there are a few things, including some 'fads' that show up on the 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 any campus of Silsbee ISD, we shall immediately eliminate the nuisance. Anything that distracts from the spirit or dignity of our school will be regulated.

All questions regarding the student dress code should be directed to the individual campus administrators.