

YORKTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT YORKTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Basically the control of student grooming is a parental matter; however, it is essential that some school rules should exist so that the learning atmosphere will not be jeopardized. Such regulations should provide appropriate standards for the general appearance of students and should discourage extremes and fads that may lead to disruptions and distractions.

The district's dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and assert authority. Students shall come to school looking clean and neat and wearing clothing and exhibiting grooming that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others. The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene, or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy PPDF(L) and prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The policy governing campus dress and grooming shall be enforced uniformly and fairly by the faculty and administration. It shall be the responsibility of the professional staff to determine the appropriateness of proper dress for all school occasions. The following general regulations shall apply concerning the dress code:

1. Any garment, lack of any garment or design of any garment which is too short or too revealing and which would tend to provoke an inappropriate or uncomplimentary remark should not be worn to school.
2. Any garment or item with association to behavior that lends itself to disorderly conduct and/or defiant attitude will not be worn to school.
3. Any attire or hair style that becomes a distracting or disturbing influence in the classroom or on the campus will not be permitted.
4. An American Flag or facsimile of an American Flag may not be attached on a garment in a disrespectful manner.
5. In order to protect floors, students should not be permitted to wear taps on their shoes.
6. Muscle shirts or similar clothing shall not be worn.
7. Skate shoes (tennis shoes with skates) are not permitted.

DRESS CODE FOR BOYS

1. Muscle shirts are prohibited.
2. Square-cut shirts may be worn outside of pants if they are no longer than the length of the student's fingertips. Flannel insulated shirt jackets may be worn outside of pants as long as the appropriate undershirt is tucked in the pants. Shirrtails designed to be worn tucked in the pants must be worn that way.
3. Boys must be clean shaven; mustaches, beards, or wigs are prohibited.
4. Hair must be clean, neat, and well-groomed. It must be cut so that:
 - a. It may not touch the back of the collar on a T-shirt.
 - b. It may not extend over the ear to the top of the earlobe.
 - c. It cannot be over the eyebrow.
 - d. Tails are prohibited.
5. Bare feet are prohibited.
6. Shorts may be worn provided they are as long or longer than the tips of the fingers when the arms are held down at the sides. Unhemmed shorts and/or pants will be prohibited.
7. "Leggings" and biking shorts may be worn but only in combination with overgarments of appropriate length.
8. Any garment which has slogans or sayings pertaining in any way to sex, vulgarity, profanity, advertisement or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco will not be worn at school or school-related activities.
9. Earrings, noserings, and body piercing will not be permitted at school.
10. No caps or hats will be worn in any school building during school hours. No cap or hat may be worn backwards or sideways at school or any school activity.
11. Bandannas will not be worn or displayed during school hours or at school activities.
12. Oversized, baggy pants will not be permitted.
13. Any clothing or accessory which is considered to be gang-related will not be permitted.
14. Tattoos that are visible are not allowed.

DRESS CODE FOR GIRLS

1. Girls will be allowed to wear dresses, shorts, and split skirts provided they are as long or longer than the tips of the fingers when the arms are held down at the sides. Long pants are acceptable; however, unhemmed shorts and/or pants will be prohibited.
2. Sweaters and sweater vests designed to wear over blouses must be worn with a foundation blouse.
3. Hair must be clean, well-groomed, and cut or styled to be kept out of the eyes.
4. Bare shoulders are prohibited.
5. The following are prohibited: Bare backs, midriffs, spaghetti straps, halter tops, low neck-lines, crop tops, and see-through attire.
6. "Leggings" and biking shorts may be worn but only in combination with overgarments of appropriate length.
7. Bare feet are prohibited.
8. Square-cut shirts may be worn outside of pants if they are no longer than the length of the student's fingertips. Flannel insulated shirt jackets may be worn outside of pants as long as the appropriate undershirt is tucked in the pants. Shirrtails designed to be worn tucked inside the pants must be worn that way.
9. Bandannas will not be worn or displayed during school hours or at school activities.
10. Oversized, baggy pants will not be permitted.
11. Any clothing or accessory which is considered to be gang-related will not be permitted.
12. No caps or hats will be worn in any school building during school hours. No cap or hat may be worn backwards or sideways at school or any school activity.
13. Tattoos that are visible are not allowed.
14. Noserings and body piercing will not be permitted at school. Any garment which has slogans or sayings pertaining in any way to sex, vulgarity, profanity, advertisement or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco will not be worn at school or school-related activities.
16. A shirt/blouse must cover low-riding/hip-hugging pants.

The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other persons in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in that activity.

The principal reserves the right to regulate students' grooming when he/she deems the attire to be inappropriate or gang-related.