

# COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Student Dress Code Policy

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### ***DRESS AND GROOMING***

Comal ISD takes pride in the appearance of its students. While on campus, the district's dress code and grooming standards have been established to teach grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption, and to minimize safety hazards. All students shall wear clothing that is neat, appropriate and modest to the gender of the student. The school campus, not unlike a work place, promotes a productive, business-like atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Students should familiarize themselves with these standards, as the dictates of popular fashion may be inconsistent with the following guidelines:

#### **Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests**

- Must be size appropriate, not below the hips. Comal ISD defines hips to be no longer than the wrists when arms are naturally beside body. If the shirt falls below the wrists, it must be completely tucked.
- Must touch the belt line with no revealing undergarments
- No clothing with graphics, profanity, or words that relate to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, weapons, violence, or drug use, or anything that could be construed as provocative, sexually explicit, or offensive.
- No oversized armholes, vented t-shirts, spaghetti straps, backless attire and off-the-shoulder-tops. Straps of shirts must be at least 3 fingers in width.
- No revealing midriff or undergarments while standing or sitting.
- No revealing, low cut, see-thru, or too tight such as spandex/lycra (no cleavage can be exposed)
- No clothing that has been ripped, torn, or cut

#### **Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts**

- Modest in length (at or below middle of thigh). Comal ISD defines middle of the thigh to be half-way between the tip of the longest finger when arms are naturally beside the body and the top of the knee. Slits in skirts, shorts, skorts must also be past the longest finger.
- No tattered shorts or skirts, biker shorts, or wind shorts.
- No clothing that has been ripped, torn, or cut above the knee.
- No clothing that is too tight such as spandex/lycra.
- No shorts that sag or that are too tight.

### **Pants, Jeans, Capris**

- Appropriately sized and worn at natural waistline
- No clothing that has been ripped, torn, or cut above the knee
- No oversized pants, jeans or shorts that sag or that are too tight
- No pajama wear of any type

### **Shoes**

- Unsafe footwear not permitted (i.e. house shoes, steel-toes shoes, shower shoes, wheelies, slippers, etc.). Shoes must be worn at all times.

### **Hair**

- No Mohawks
- Neat, clean, and well-groomed. Worn in a style and color that is natural and not distracting.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Revealing clothing of any type may not be worn.
- Clothing with profanity, obscene patches, references to alcohol, drugs, weapons, violence, or tobacco may not be worn
- Any attire that is distracting or causes a disturbance or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group (i.e. bandannas, shoe laces, chains, t-shirts, etc.)
- No body piercing other than ears, including tongue piercing
- No hats or caps, doo-rags, wave caps, bandanas, sweatbands or hoods worn indoors
- Prescription glasses only; no sunglasses
- No visible tattoos
- During normal school hours, identification badges (ID's) must be visibly worn by all secondary students

### **Interpretative Authority**

The example and guidelines listed above may not cover every possible instance of appropriate or inappropriate grooming or appearance. The interpretative authority as to what dress or grooming is inappropriate, disruptive, a hindrance to best learning situations, or a detriment to best discipline shall be vested in the principal, the assistant or grade level principal, or any other administrative authority in the school system. Non-compliance of the dress code/grooming standards will result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to: after school detention, Saturday detention, in-school suspension, or suspension.