

Thomas Jefferson High School Dress Code: 2020-2021 School Year

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels) The dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. At Thomas Jefferson High School, students are encouraged to wear Mustang spirit wear as usual to show their school pride. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following;

- Skirts, dresses, skorts and shorts must be knee length.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn; footwear which has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastics or similar materials is specifically prohibited, as are beach sandals or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them.
- Hair must be neat and clean at all times. Unconventional hair colors, hairstyles (e.g., Mohawks, spiked hair or designs), facial hair (other than well groomed mustache and sideburns), or make-up causing distractions are not permitted.
- Headwear shall not be worn in buildings. For enforcement purposes, headwear worn as legitimate religious attire may be considered as an exception following a conference with the principal.
- Any clothes that are suggestive or indecent or which cause distractions are prohibited. Specifically, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, exposed backs or midriffs, and see-through garments without a shell or shirt worn under garments are prohibited.
- Indecent/inappropriate patches, writings, or drawings on clothing or body are prohibited. Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene or inflammatory (e.g., alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, etc.) are also prohibited.
- Oversized clothing shall not be worn to school. Specifically, "bagging" or "sagging" pants/sweats and any type of pajama pants are prohibited. All pants are to be worn at the waist with no holes, rips, or tears. A longer top must cover the bottom of tight-fitting pants (e.g., tights, bicycle pants, Spandex). Extra-long belts are prohibited. Belts must be put through the belt loops on the pants.
- Dangling key rings and chains will not be permitted. This includes chains attached to wallets, footwear and backpacks.

- Visible body piercing jewelry is prohibited, except for ear piercing and small nose stud.
- No gang-related attire will be permitted. This will be designated by individual campuses. For enforcement purposes, gang-related attire may be identified by specific colors. Principals shall work with SAISD Police to identify gang-related attire and shall communicate to students and parents what attire is considered gang-related in the school and community to prevent these violations.

These rules apply to Thomas Jefferson High School and its facilities and to any locations off-campus where Thomas Jefferson High School students are receiving classroom instruction (e.g., official class field trips, internships, or other programs hosted at facilities other than Thomas Jefferson High School).

If the principal (or designee) 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 will be assigned to on-campus intervention for the remainder of the day or until a parent/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.