



MISD Elementary DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to see that a student is dressed and groomed according to the standards of the Midway ISD dress and grooming code.

Teachers have the responsibility to enforce the dress code and are instructed to do so. The final authority to interpret and enforce the dress code rests with the principal. The principal or their designee has the authority to determine whether clothing, shoes, or hairstyle, or other items is appropriate.

Students are expected to be appropriately dressed and groomed at school and at school functions. Specific standards for appropriate dress and grooming for Midway ISD elementary and intermediate students are as follows:

1. Articles of clothing with suggestive writing or pictures, or inappropriate advertising, slogans, or symbols are prohibited.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, cleated shoes, or any shoes that mark or damage floor coverings, are not allowed.
3. Caps, hats, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside school buildings.
4. Hemlines on all dresses must not be shorter than three and a quarter inches above the kneecap (length of a credit card). Shorts will be permitted at a length no shorter than the tips of the fingers.
5. Tank tops, short shorts, halters, midriff tops, tube tops, or excessively tight or baggy clothing are not allowed. Open knit or unlined fishnet jerseys are not allowed unless they are worn over a T-shirt, blouse, or with a jacket. Boys must wear shirts with sleeves. All shirts at any point should be NO longer than the fingertips when the arm is at the side with the fingers fully extended. Girls may wear leotards, shorts, or tights under skirts if hemline dress code requirements are met.
6. All undergarments must be covered.
7. Hair may not be in rollers or dyed to extremes, and haircuts that are bizarre or distracting are not allowed. Boy's hair, regardless of style preference, must not touch the eyebrows in the front, the tragus of the ear on the sides (mid-ear), or collar in the back. (A dress shirt collar will be the reference point.) Hairstyles for boys that include ponytails, buns, or pinned up styles are not allowed.
8. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.
9. Body piercing jewelry other than for the ear(s) is not allowed.
10. Tattoos or fake tattoos must be covered while attending school.
11. Pants which have holes, in any manner, may not be worn. Boy's pants must be worn at the waist (No 'sagging' pants allowed).

In the case of dress and grooming code violations, parents will be notified and requested to bring the appropriate apparel to school or pick up the student in order to correct the violation. In some cases, in-school suspension or detention will be used until the violation is corrected.

MISD Secondary DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

Dress and Grooming

The following dress code was approved by the Midway School Board. It should be observed on all school-sponsored trips/activities as well as during the school hours on the campus. It is the parents' responsibility to see that the student meets the standards of the dress code.

The teachers have the authority to enforce the dress code and are instructed to do so. The final authority to enforce the dress code rests with the principal.

1. GENERAL DRESS AND GROOMING CODE
 - a. Articles of clothing with conspicuous or suggestive writing, pictures, or inappropriate advertising, slogans, or symbols will be considered in violation of the dress code.
 - b. No shirts, jackets or coats longer than mid-thigh length (no longer than tips of fingers) will be allowed.
 - c. Students must wear shoes. Cleated shoes, or any other shoes that mark the flooring, will not be allowed. House shoes are not allowed.

- d. Hats, caps, sunglasses or visors may not be worn inside the school building during the school day.
 - e. Pants which have holes that show skin are not to be worn.
 - f. Students will not wear or have in their possession items that are inappropriate for school.
 - g. Shorts will be permitted at a length no shorter than three and one-quarter inches (longest part of a credit card) above the kneecap.
 - h. Undergarments must be covered.
 - i. Tattoos will be covered at all times.
 - j. Inappropriate appearance will not be allowed. Clothes should be worn appropriately (i.e. pants worn at the waist, inner shirts tucked in). Excessively tight or baggy clothing will not be allowed. The decision on whether a style is appropriate will be at the discretion of the principal or his/her designee.
 - k. Any clothing which may relate to gang symbols, including chains, is prohibited.
 - l. Pants must be hemmed. Excessive frayed clothing is not allowed.
 - m. No pajama pants or sleep wear are allowed.
2. GIRLS' DRESS AND GROOMING CODE
- a. Girls will not wear halters, tank tops (less than two inches wide on the shoulder strap), tube tops, low-cut dresses/tops which reveal cleavage or midriff, short shorts or excessively tight clothing. Tops/sweaters/blouses that are styled similar to sun dresses or tank tops are not appropriate. Hemlines on all garments must not be shorter than three and a quarter inches above the top of the kneecap (length of a credit card) regardless of tights or leggings.
 - b. Hair must not be in rollers, or covered by a hat, scarf or cap. Hair must not be dyed to extremes and haircuts, which are unusual, distracting or bizarre, will not be allowed.
 - c. Girls must wear brassieres.
 - d. Pierced earrings may be worn on the ear(s) only. All other body piercing jewelry is prohibited.
3. BOYS' DRESS AND GROOMING CODE
- a. Inappropriate appearance will not be allowed. Boys must wear shirts with sleeves. Shirts must be fastened to the equivalent of the first button from the collar button of a dress shirt.
 - b. Boys' haircuts must be neat and in good taste. Excessive flip and fullness in the back, over the ears, and in the front will not be allowed. Boys' hair, regardless of style preference, must not touch the eyebrows in the front, the tragus of the ear on the sides (mid-ear), or collar in the back. Hair volume may not exceed 2 inches away from the head. (Dress shirt collar will be the reference point.) Hair may not be dyed to extremes and haircuts, which are unusual, distracting or bizarre will not be allowed. Hairstyles for boys that include ponytails, buns, or pinned up styles are not allowed. Boys must be clean-shaven, and the side-burns must not come below the bottom of the ears.
 - c. Boys will not wear earrings or body piercing jewelry of any type or style.
 - d. Boys will not wear makeup or fingernail polish.
4. DRESS AND GROOMING CODE VIOLATIONS
- Students violating the dress code will be required to change into clothing provided by the school, or they will be assigned to ISS for the remainder of the day. Repeated violations will be considered as insubordination and demerits may be issued.