

**Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

**GLADEWATER ISD STUDENT DRESS CODE**

**2023-2024**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

**GENERAL DRESS CODE INFORMATION**

- All articles of clothing must fit appropriately - NO excessively baggy or tight clothing is allowed.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must NOT be visible.
- Clothing made of sheer or transparent material is NOT allowed.
- Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration, hair color, or hairstyle extreme enough to create a distraction or disrupt the normal routine of school will be deemed a violation of the district's dress code.
- Clothing, jewelry, body decorations, hairstyles, and personal belongings must NOT advertise or imply sex, drugs, alcohol, profanity, tobacco, vaping, death, suicide, violence, gang activity, the occult, political content, hate speech, or any writing or graphics that may disrupt the normal routine of school.
- Teachers/coaches/sponsors may define appropriate dress for school-sponsored trips, extracurricular activities, and classes in which specialized clothing is necessary.
- Students with special needs may be granted a waiver from certain dress code guidelines by the campus principal.
- Backpacks and any non-school issued bags must be transparent (mesh or clear plastic).
- The campus administration has the authority to make decisions regarding dress code that might not be outlined in the Student Dress Code.

**SHIRTS - TOPS - SWEATSHIRTS - JACKETS**

- Students may wear collared polo-type shirts, button down shirts, or t-shirts.
- GISD and Gladewater Bears school spirit shirts are allowed and encouraged. GISD organizational t-shirts are allowed if approved by the principal.
- Shirts/tops must NOT expose the midriff or back at any time and cleavage must remain covered at all times.
- Muscle or sleeveless shirts are NOT allowed.
- Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, and jackets may be worn over an allowable shirt.
- Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, and jackets must meet the sizing requirements listed above - NO excessively baggy or tight clothing is allowed.

### **PANTS - JEANS - SHORTS - SKIRTS**

- Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist at all times.
- Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Students may wear jeans that are well fitting and have no holes or frays above the knee.
- Brads, studs, or decorations are NOT allowed. Decorations in areas other than pockets are NOT allowed.
- Jeans, pants, capris, and shorts may be pleated or flat-front style.
- Jumpers may be worn over an allowable shirt.
- Pajama pants are NOT allowed nor are any pants resembling pajamas or sleepwear of any kind. This includes fleece and flannel pants.
- Pull-on pants, capris, and shorts are allowed in grades PK through 5 ONLY.
- Leggings may be worn as pants in Grades Pre-K through 5 ONLY.

### **SHOES - BELTS**

- Shoes must be worn at all times - house shoes or slippers are NOT allowed.
- Only rubber soled shoes may be worn in PE areas.
- Lace-up shoes must be properly laced and tied at all times.
- Shoes with wheels, skates, or lights are NOT allowed.
- Belts must be buckled at all times and must be worn inside belt loops.
- Belt buckles may NOT be larger than a standard credit card.
- Belts and buckles with spikes, bullets, or gun emblems are NOT allowed.

### **GROOMING AND HYGIENE**

- Students are expected to practice good personal hygiene at ALL times. Hair must be kept clean and out of the eyes - the face should be visible at ALL times.
- Hair should not be styled in a manner that creates a distraction from learning.
- Facial hair must be kept clean and neat.
- Pierced jewelry may be worn ONLY in the ear or side of the nose (stud only).

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Hats, caps, toboggans, bandanas, hoodies, or any other head coverings are NOT allowed to be worn inside the school building. Exceptions may be granted by the principal for medical or religious reasons, and/or special events.
- Sunglasses are NOT allowed to be worn inside the school building without a prescription.
- Choker chains, spiked collars and bracelets, wallet chains, gloves, or arm warmers are NOT allowed.
- Blankets are NOT allowed at school or on school buses. Blankets are allowed as a start-up supply for head-start/Pre-K students ONLY.

If the principal 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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.