

## **GLADEWATER ISD STUDENT DRESS CODE**

**2024-25**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards and helps maintain a positive learning environment. 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.
- 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, 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).

### **SHIRTS – TOPS – SWEATSHIRTS – JACKETS**

- Shirts/tops must not expose the midriff or back at any time and cleavage must remain covered.
- Muscle and sleeveless shirts are not allowed.
- Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests and jackets may be worn over an allowable shirt.

### **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.
- Pants/jeans must not have holes or rips above the knee that exposes skin or undergarments.
- Pajama pants are not allowed, nor are any pants that resemble pajamas or sleepwear. This includes fleece and flannel pants.
- Leggings may NOT be worn as pants in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **SHOES – BELTS**

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- House shoes/slippers are not allowed.
- Only rubber soled shoes may be worn in PE areas.
- Shoes with wheels, skates or lights are not allowed.
- Belt buckles may not be larger than a standard credit card and may not have spikes, bullets or weapon emblems.

## **GROOMING AND HYGIENE**

- Students are expected to practice good personal hygiene.
- Hair must be clean and out of the eyes so that the face is visible at all times.
- Facial hair must be kept clean and neat.
- Piercings must not be a health/safety issue or create a distraction to the learning environment.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Hats, caps, toboggans, bandanas, hoodies or any other head covering may not be worn inside the school buildings. Exceptions may be granted by the campus principal for medical or religious reasons and/or special events.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building without a medical prescription.
- Choker chains, spiked collars/bracelets, wallet chains, gloves and arm warmers are not allowed.
- Blankets are not allowed at school or on busses for any students except Headstart and Pre-K.

Campus administrators have the authority to make decisions regarding dress code issues that may not be specifically outlined in the Student Dress Code.

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.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.