



DeSoto Independent School District

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The DeSoto ISD student dress code was developed by district administration in alignment with DeSoto ISD Board Policies (FNCA Legal and Local). The district's dress code is designed to promote appropriate grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and help to maintain a positive learning climate. Student Dress Code guidelines are for ALL Elementary and Middle School campuses, Choice Programs, and High School. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

ITEMS	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
TOPS/SHIRTS	<p>Solid color green, gold, black, white, or gray shirt with collar; Small logo (1 inch or less) located on the chest is acceptable; Long sleeve or short sleeve polo or button up shirt is acceptable</p> <p>All shirts/blouses/tops must cover cleavage, the entire back and midriff. The middle section (midriff) must remain covered at all times including during reasonable movements.</p> <p>The layering of shirts or tops is acceptable provided the combination of clothing meets the dress code standards throughout the school day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeveless, tanks/camis, tube or halter tops • Crop tops or low-cut shirts • Lewd or inappropriate text/graphics • Tops or shirts with holes in them • Transparent and/or see-through material is considered unacceptable unless worn over another article of clothing that meets dress code.
BOTTOMS	<p>Black, khaki, gray, navy, or olive pants, shorts, capris, skirts, jumpers; Shorts at least fingertip length; Cargo pants; Cargo shorts at least fingertip length; Skirts and jumpers at least knee length all the way around; A belt if needed to prevent pants from dragging or sagging; pants must be worn at the natural waist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind pants, yoga pants, athletic pants/shorts, sweat pants, or knit jogger pants • Leggings or tights may not be worn as pants • Jeans and pants with holes or frayed material, which reveals any area of skin or undergarments above fingertip length. • Skirts that do not fit at the waistline. • Pajamas, bathrobes, and/or sleepwear. • Visible underwear.

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	<p>Shorts or skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the knee.</p> <p>Dresses, skirts, skorts, and shorts length must be measured from the top of the slit.</p> <p>Spandex, tights, leggings/jeggings, and yoga style clothing are allowed only if they are worn under pants, shorts, skorts, dresses, and skirts that are the length of a horizontal ID card from the knee all the way around.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible sliding/biking/compression shorts. • Gym uniforms/athletic shorts.
SHOES	<p>Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must have a closed-toe and a closed-heel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stiletto heels • Open-toe and/or Open-heel • Shoes with wheels • Steel-toe boots/shoes • Slippers, house shoes, sandals or flip flops
OUTERWEAR: SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS, JACKETS, COATS, HOODIES	<p>Any color of outerwear. Outwear must be appropriately sized. Our standardized colors are preferred.</p> <p>Solid color green, gold, black, white, or gray collared shirt must be worn under sweaters, cardigans, hoodies, or sweatshirts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewd or inappropriate text/graphics • No hoods are allowed on the head while inside the building
HATS, BASEBALL CAPS, HEADWRAPS, SUNGLASSES, BLANKETS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sock hats (only permitted outdoors) • Bonnets • Bandanas • Sunglasses (unless medical documentation is provided or administrator approved) • Blankets or throws • Caps, hats, berets, head scarfs (unless for medical or religious reasons), hoods (hoodie), Du rags, kerchiefs, or visors.



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Please note: DeSoto ISD will prohibit backpacks the last week before winter break, the day before spring break, and the last two weeks of the spring semester.

Campus administration has final judgment on whether or not a student is in compliance with the dress code. DeSoto ISD believes that school performance and student success are enhanced by appropriate dress and good grooming. Students are expected to be in dress code beginning on the first day of school. Violations of the dress code shall be handled at the campus level.

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.

The student dress code does not prohibit principals from allowing extracurricular groups to wear uniforms on days stipulated by the principal or for special celebrations which involve dress such as crazy hat day or 50s day, etc.

Spirit Fridays

Acceptable Dress

- Single color dark blue or black hemmed denim jeans may be worn with DeSoto ISD spirit shirt or solid color green, gold, black, white, or gray collared shirt
- Jean shorts at least fingertip length
- Jean skirts at least knee length all the way around
- A belt if needed to prevent pants from dragging or sagging

Unacceptable Dress

- Sagging or dragging jeans, cutoffs and free from holes, rips, cutouts or patches
- Leggings, "jeggings" or tights worn as pants
- Jeans with patterns, designs or colored denim

Choice Programs

Students enrolled in the district's choice programs may have additional dress code options. The additional options may be implemented as part of the authority issued to each campus Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) committee.

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

DeSoto ISD will provide information regarding how and where parents and staff can purchase any of the district-branded blazers, sweaters, or vests online or contact info@desotoisd.org.

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