

2021-22 Morgan ISD Student Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The Morgan ISD dress code is established to prevent disruption and minimize safety hazards. All students are expected to dress in a respectful manner within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it. Morgan ISD expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day and for any school sponsored event.

Our Student Dress Code is designed to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology, dance, or PE.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that reasonably can be construed as being or including content that is profane, racist, lewd, vulgar or obscene, or that reasonably can be construed as containing fighting words, speech that incites others to imminent lawless action, defamatory speech, or threats to others.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students must comply with the following:

- No student shall wear caps, hats, flags, or bandanas inside the building. This includes blankets. Blankets are not clothing and are not allowed. Hooded jackets and sweatshirts are permitted, but hoods are to not be worn in the building at any time.
- Leggings with holes or tears above the knee are not allowed. Holes above the knee will require that a student wear tights underneath to cover exposed flesh.
- Form-fitting leggings (i.e. yoga pants) may only be worn with a top that is long enough to completely cover the rear end, when arms are fully extended overhead.
- Shorts or skirts must be worn at a length no higher than 6 inches above the knee when worn at the natural waistline and may not have rips.
- Shirts must be hemmed and may not expose any under garments or skin on the torso, when arms are fully extended overhead (no bare midriffs).
- Shirts that display paraphernalia (alcohol, drugs, cursing, explicit messages, etc.) are not permitted.
- Males may have facial hair, but it must be groomed at all times.

In the event of a temporary closure due to a widespread illness or epidemic, such as COVID-19, all dress and grooming policies will apply to virtual learning on remote platforms as they would during classroom instruction.

*****Students are not allowed to wear: jewelry that may be distracting, lewd, or can present a safety hazard, visible body piercing except ears, or any item lewd/offensive in nature, including gang-related items***

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Trends related to clothing are subject to frequent change, and it is ultimately at the discretion of school administration what is appropriate to wear in the learning environment. The following list is meant to serve as a guideline for appropriate dress while at school.

	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
TOPS/SHIRTS	All students (PK-12) can wear any color top/shirt; OR a college, military, or school spirit shirt. Shirts must fit the individual properly. Shirts can be long- or short-sleeved, or straps at least 3 fingers wide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaghetti straps/camis, tube or halter tops • Crop tops or low-cut shirts • Lewd or inappropriate text/graphics • Tops or shirts with holes in them
BOTTOMS	All Students (PK-12) can wear bottoms that fit the individual properly. Material (athletic attire is also included) and colors do not matter; however, clothing cannot be too big or too tight. Shorts or skirts must be no shorter than six (6) inches above the knee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings or tights without an appropriate-length top to cover the rear end • “Sagging:” Pants that are unnaturally fitting at the waist and crotch area. • Pants with holes/tears/rips • Pajama Pants
SKIRTS OR DRESSES	Dresses must have sleeves, or straps at least 3 fingers wide. Dresses (and skirts) must fit appropriately and must not be too tight or no shorter than six (6) inches above the knee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini dresses/skirts • Halter dresses or spaghetti straps
SHOES	Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers are not shoes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House shoes • Stiletto heels • Shoes with wheels
OUTERWEAR	All students (PK-12) can wear any color outerwear. Outwear must be appropriately sized.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewd/inappropriate text or graphics • Hoods on the student’s head
HEAD COVERINGS	Religious head wraps are permitted Caps and headwraps worn for medical reasons are permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats • Baseball Caps • Bonnets/Durags/Headwraps

For specific dress attire not outlined in bullet points above the principal will be the determining factor on what is considered appropriate for school dress attire. If there is a consistent dress code issue with the student body, the district will amend the handbook to outline a specific dress code. If this change occurs, parents/guardians and students will be notified following the dress code amendment.

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. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or 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.