

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

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:

Appropriate clothing, including shirts must be worn at all times on the campus and at any schooled sponsored events.

Proper undergarments are an essential part of proper attire and must be worn and not seen.

Shirts/ Tops

- Backless, tank tops, and strapless shirts/dresses will not be permitted.
- Straps on sleeveless shirts must be two inches wide. The neck opening of a shirt should not be any lower than your armpit level.
- Crop tops may be worn with an undershirt. Midriffs are not allowed to be visible.

Pants/ Bottoms

- Skirts, dresses, and shorts length shall be no shorter than mid-thigh. Shorts must be the same length all the way around.
- Pants and jeans may not have holes any higher than mid-thigh. Tights, leggings, and spandex jeggings are permitted if worn with school appropriate shorts, skirts, or dresses over them.
- All pants must be worn at the waist. Pants should not sag to expose any underwear or any part of the anatomy below the waistline. Pants should fit at or above the natural hipline. Baggy pants will not be permitted. Jeans may not have holes any higher than mid-thigh.
- The outer layer of all garments must be mid-thigh.
- In order to promote school spirit, cheerleaders may wear cheer uniforms that are in compliance with dress code.
- No pajamas, unless for a designated day.

Hair:

- Hair shall be cleaned and well groomed. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and does not obstruct one's vision.
- Extreme hairstyles are prohibited. No unnatural or bizarre colors will be permitted. No designs cut into eyebrows.
- Your entire face must be clean shaven at all times. Sideburns must be trimmed and not extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
- Male students may not have hair that extends below the bottom of the earlobe on the sides and the shirt collar in the back.

Jewelry:

- Earrings worn anywhere except the ears are prohibited for all students. Female students may wear earrings in the ear.
- Earrings may not be worn by male students.
- Band-aids may not be used to cover earrings.
- Clear retainers may be worn in place of prohibited piercings.
- Studded and spiked jewelry (e.g., dog collars) is prohibited on campus.
- Mouth grills worn over a student's teeth are not permitted.
- Pocket/wallet chains are not permitted.

Shoes:

- Students in grades Prk-5 must wear shoes that are manufactured and designed to be securely fastened to the foot across the top of the foot and at the heel.
- Heels are not appropriate for playground or PE.
- No rubber or plastic flip flops or slides. Backless sandals may be worn by 6th- 12th grade.
- Bare feet or slippers/house shoes are not acceptable.
- Any shoes with wheels are not allowed on campus.

Outerwear:

- Caps, hats, beanies, and picks etc. are not allowed to be worn inside buildings.
- Bandanas are not allowed.
- Students may not wear hoods up inside the school building.
- Students may not wrap-up or "wear" blankets in lieu of a jacket or coats.

Other:

- Any other attire that disrupts the educational process as determined by a school administrator is prohibited.
- Anything that the administration deems as possible gang related is not allowed.
- Clothing with vulgar, indecent, gang related, suggestive slogans or pictures shall not be permitted.
- Clothing which promotes or is suggestive of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted.

Knives:

- Regardless of length, including any edged tool (pocket knives, box cutters, razor blades, etc.), are prohibited and are not allowed on school campus.

Louise ISD Special Events Dress Code for prom and banquets.

Girls Dress Code for Special Events:

- Formal dresses, short or long, must fit appropriately and be modest in nature.

- Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. Excessive or side cleavage is not allowed.
- Dresses/tops may be backless as long as it is not cut below the navel.
- Formal attire that is a long skirt and matching top may not show the midriff more than 1 inch.
- Dresses/skirts must not have a slit that exceeds mid-thigh.
- Dresses/skirts length must be mid-thigh.
- Strapless dresses and spaghetti straps are allowed provided they follow the above guidelines.
- No pinning will be allowed as an alteration for a dress, if without pinning the dress does not meet the above guidelines.

Boys Dress Code for Special Events:

- Tuxedos, suits, or sports coats with dress pants are recommended for all special events.
- Pants should fit properly on the hip and not sag below the waistline.
- Shirts must be buttoned up to the second button. The neck opening on any type of shirt may not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar button of a dress shirt.
- No open-toed shoes – dress shoes or dress boots only.
- If appropriate for the special event, blue jeans must not be faded, have holes, or tears in the fabric.

Additional guidelines may be imposed by the school, advisor, or sponsor of any specific activity or function.

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.