

## **Employee Dress Standards - Forney ISD**

Whereas a professional appearance has a positive impact on the learning and teaching environment, all district employees are expected to act as role models by adhering to the established dress standards. The dress standards contribute towards promoting a professional image, helping to establish and maintain respect and credibility. The following guidelines shall be considered the minimum expectations.

In addition to being neat, clean and well-groomed, all clothing and body ornamentation must be free of any printed material advertising tobacco, alcohol products or offensive subjects. Offensive is defined as obscene, indecent, sexually explicit, advocates or symbolizes sexual acts or conduct, associates with an extremist group, gang affiliation or activity, or advocates prejudice or discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

### **Shirts:**

Must be business attire, such as a dress shirt, polo shirt, other collared shirt, blouse or sweater.

Casual t-shirts and sweatshirts are permitted on approved campus or district alternative dress days, field trip days or supervisor approved days. Backless and strapless tops are

not permitted. Tank and spaghetti strap tops may be worn under approved top guidelines, not on their own.

All tops shall be appropriately sized and not inappropriately expose one's chest, torso or undergarments.

**Pants:**

Must be dress pants, slacks, or Dockers style pants. The hemline may not be longer than one's shoes. The hemline of dress capris must fall below mid-calf. Shorts, warm-ups, sweats, yoga pants, spandex or track suit pants are not permitted. Leggings/tights may not be worn as pants.

Blue jeans may be worn on approved campus or district alternative dress days, field trip days or supervisor approved days. Blue jeans with holes, rips or fraying are not permitted.

All pants shall be appropriately sized and not inappropriately expose any undergarments.

**Skirts/Dresses/Tunics:**

The hemline must be no shorter than three inches above the knee in length. Leggings may be worn under skirts, dresses and tunics. Backless, strapless and spaghetti strap dresses may be worn under approved top guidelines, not on their own. All dresses and skirts shall be appropriately sized and not inappropriately expose one's chest, torso or undergarments.

**Shoes:**

Must be dress or casual footwear to include loafers, lace-ups, boots, slip-ons, wedges, mules and athletic shoes. All shoes must be neat and clean.

**Head Coverings:**

Hats, caps, bandanas, hooded sweatshirts or outerwear, or other non-religious head coverings are not permitted inside the school building.

**Body Piercings:**

No visible piercings are permitted with the exception of the ear lobes. Multiple ear piercings are acceptable if not excessive.

**Tattoos:**

Tattoos, whether temporary or permanent, must be appropriate for the school setting and not otherwise offensive or disruptive to the individual's school or work environment. Any tattoo that does not meet these standards must be covered on request by an administrator.

**Grooming:**

Personal hygiene is essential. Therefore, all employees must maintain a clean and presentable appearance, including regular bathing, use of deodorant and oral hygiene.

Hairstyles and facial hair must be neat in appearance and present a professional style with no unnatural hair colors. Makeup must also be professional in appearance.

**Exceptions:** Employee groups who are provided with and/or required to wear uniforms or district apparel must wear the clothing as intended, following all applicable dress standards, during duty hours.

Employees supervising PE classes and athletics may wear hats outside the school building, appropriate athletic clothing (to include appropriate length shorts) and shoes during that time period or during after school activities. During all other classes, the aforementioned dress code must be followed.

Employees in CTE, industrial or special education classes and campus/hall monitors may wear clothing and shoes deemed necessary for the safety of the employee.

Auxiliary employees such as technology, maintenance, custodial, transportation, and food services may wear hats, clothing and sensible shoes specific to their assignment, while following all other provisions of the dress code.

The department or site supervisor will provide guidance for employees.