



## Forney ISD Student Dress Code

### Dress and Grooming For All Students

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The Forney Independent School District has a student uniform policy for all grades and all campuses. The uniform gives the district a positive and distinctive identity and reflects the values of the schools and community. All students are required to wear the uniform each day except for those days designated as "non-uniform" at the discretion of the school administrators.

The use of school uniforms is established to improve student self-esteem, reduce ethnic and racial tensions, bridge socio-economic differences among students, and promote positive behavior, thereby enhancing school safety and improving the learning environment. Students who choose not to adhere to the district guidelines for dress and grooming will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the **Student Code of Conduct**. [FNCA-Local]

### Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks, Sweatshirts, Vests, Sweaters, Outerwear

#### **ACCEPTABLE**

#### **Color:**

Solid color polo shirts.

#### **Style:**

Collared knit button or snap polo shirt.

Dress style, button only shirts/blouses with long or short sleeves.

Turtlenecks.

Sweatshirts, vests, and sweaters must be solid color and appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length; and must be worn over acceptable shirt, blouse, or turtleneck.

#### **General:**

Forney school logos only.

All shirts and blouses must be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.

Outerwear such as windbreakers, fleece, sweaters, or sweatshirt-type jackets or pullovers must adhere to all acceptable guidelines. All other jackets/coats must be removed and stored properly upon entering the building. Spirit outerwear in the appropriate school colors acknowledging the school or mascot in which the student attends is acceptable.

Polo or Button up Shirts or Outerwear in FISD colors representing a recognized organization that has been approved by the Principal.

### ***UNACCEPTABLE***

Visible stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs.

Sleeveless or capped sleeves.

Thermal type shirts.

T-shirts.

Zippered shirts or blouses.

Hoods as collars.

Leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, and denim materials (not including outerwear).

### **Slacks, Shorts, Skirts, Skorts, Capri Pants, Jumpers**

#### ***ACCEPTABLE***

##### **Color:**

Khaki, Navy Blue, Black (solid, single colors).

##### **Style:**

Pleated or flat front casual slacks or Capri pants (belted): walking-style shorts.

Hem of shorts should be no more than 3 inches above the knee (in both front and back).

Slacks must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.

Logos or labels on slacks must be no larger than 1½ by 1½ inches.

Slit at bottom of slacks must have finished edges and be no longer than 3 inches.

Skirts, skorts, and jumpers length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap (in both front and back).

Skirts and jumpers may have a kick-pleat or slit which opens no higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee (in both front and back).

Jumper can be V-neck, square neck, or round neck.

Acceptable shirt, blouse, or turtleneck must be worn under jumper at all times.

#### ***UNACCEPTABLE***

Baggy-style legged slacks.

Cargo or Carpenter style pants.

Soccer or boxer style shorts, wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants, spandex (except in PE/Athletics, Cheer, or Drill classes only).

Dresses.

Overall pants, overall shorts, overall jumpers, and coveralls.

Leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, and denim materials; brads or studs.

### **Shoes, Socks, Hose/Tights, Belts**

#### ***ACCEPTABLE***

##### **Color:**

**Socks**-Solid, single colors.

**Hose/Tights**-Solid, single colors.

**Shoes**-Brown or Black leather-like shoes (tie or loafer-type), or brown or black boots, or tennis shoes.

**Belt**-Brown or Black dress type (solid color). Belts must be worn by all students in grades 5-12.

**General:**

Socks must be a matching pair.

Shoes must be a matching pair.

Shoe laces must be a matching pair.

Belts must be buckled.

**UNACCEPTABLE**

Stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs on socks, hose, tights, or belts.

Para-military type boots, open-toed/open-heeled shoes or sandals, or flip-flops, house shoes, beach shoes, shower shoes, plastic clog-type, and the like.

Tie or fringe belts.

**General Guidelines that Apply to all students.**

Spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials are not allowed.

Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.

Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building are not allowed.

Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.

All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or have finished edges.

Undershirts must be one of the approved solid colors, with no printing or designs.

Sufficient underclothing is required.

**Hair**

Sideburns may not extend past the earlobes.

Goatees, beards, mustaches, or facial hair are prohibited (must be clean shaven).

Boys' hair may not extend past the mid-point of the collar of the shirt, below the earlobe, or below the eyebrows.

Boys may not have ponytails, pigtails or hair buns.

Hair rollers and styling clips are not allowed.

No extreme modes of hair design are allowed.

Unnatural hair coloring such as green, purple, etc. is prohibited.

Hair should be kept clean and neatly groomed at all times.

Hair at no time should be in the students' eyes.

Hair and eyebrows may not have cut-out designs or etchings.

**Jewelry and Other Accessories**

Excessive makeup and/or jewelry are not allowed.

All tattoos must be covered and hidden from view.

Jewelry used in conjunction with body piercing (such as nose rings or tongue studs) are prohibited.

Boys may not wear earrings, makeup, or nail polish.

Students are not to wear sunshades or sunglasses in school unless they provide a note from their physician stating the need to do so.

Chains are not permitted.

Any clothing that is not specifically addressed as acceptable is unacceptable, for example; midriff sweaters, wrist bands, boas, fur fringe, etc...

**Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in dress code policy shall be within the discretion of the administration.**

In case of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's school by phone, mail, or in person to request assistance.

### **Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code (New Students to Forney ISD)**

#### **Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code**

This policy is only for new students to the district and students with school board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the district have ten (10) calendar days to comply with the uniform policy. Students in the process of opt-out appeal [See FNCA (LOCAL) and FNG (LOCAL) for process and timelines.] must comply with alternative/interim student dress code guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the student uniform policy guidelines.

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves so as not to:

Lead school officials reasonably to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; or

Create a hazard to the student's own health or safety or to the health or safety of others.

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hairstyles, make-up, or other attractions that would, in the opinion of the principal, tend to promote student disruption, jeopardize student conduct, or otherwise interfere with the educational process. (Clothing containing offensive slogans, symbols, logos, and other suggestive or controversial designs is not allowed.)

Students will keep themselves neatly groomed and dressed and will keep their hair neat and clean. Grooming and dress that will disturb, interfere with, or detract from school activities will not be allowed. Neatly groomed and dressed shall be defined as dress and grooming that is standard and conforms to local community and school district etiquette and decorum. It is within these principles that FISD will enforce the following dress code items, specifically but not limited to:

#### **Shirts, Blouses, and Turtlenecks**

These articles must be collared and are to be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.

All tops (etc.) should cover the back, shoulders, and stomach. No skin is to show at the waist.

Un-hemmed, sleeveless tops, and tank tops are not acceptable.

No t-shirts are allowed.

Forney school logos.

No lettering, wording, or graphics other than school spirit logos/wording on shirts, blouses, or turtlenecks.

#### **Slacks, Dresses, Culottes, Skorts and Shorts**

Slacks are to be full length and worn at the waist. Shorts also must be worn at the waist.

Shorts for boys and girls must fall between the bottom of the knee and no more than 3 inches above the knee (in both front and back) except in physical education classes.

Athletic and soccer type shorts (with or without a logo) are not allowed (except in P. E.); only walking shorts are permissible with a belt.

Spandex, wind shorts, wind pants, or warm-ups are not permissible.

Dresses, skirts, culottes, skorts, and similar attire must fall between the bottom of the knee and no more than 3 inches above the knee (in front and back).

Slacks and shorts must be worn with a belt (inside belt loops). Belts are optional for grades Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 5-12 are required to wear a belt.

Logos and labels must be no larger than 1½ inches by 1½ inches.

No denim material is permitted.

## **Head and Footwear**

Students shall not wear hats, caps, or other head coverings inside the building.

Students must wear appropriate shoes at all times. House shoes, beach shoes, shower shoes, flip-flops and the like are not allowed.

## **General Appearance of All Clothing**

Frayed, cut off, or tattered clothing is not allowed, even in P. E. classes.

Student attire should be modest and appropriate in length, fit, and design.

Sufficient underclothing is required.

Clinging or transparent clothing is unacceptable.

Shirts and blouses must be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.

Clothing may be NO more than one size larger than the student's measurements.

## **Guidelines That Apply to ALL Students**

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#### **Extra-Curricular Dress Code**

With respect to any extracurricular activities, the administrator, in conjunction with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of such activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of participating students. Such regulation may include denying the student permission to participate in the extracurricular activity or to go on extracurricular trips.

**Compliance:** If a student attends school in violation of this uniform policy, disciplinary steps as outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct will be taken.

#### **Non-Uniform Days**

Administrator(s) shall have authority to waive up to 10 days the wearing of the student uniform or Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code for certain days, parts of days, special events, or special activities. Students who choose not to participate in the special days are expected to wear the standard student uniform.

**Fund Raising:** Students will not be required to donate funds directly to a non-profit organization, fund raising event, or other charitable cause to be allowed to participate in a non-uniform day. Students are allowed to donate funds and/or participate in a fund raising activity to reach a specific fund raising goal that will allow all students at the school to participate in a non-uniform day. The non-uniform day will count as one of the ten (10) days allowed during the school year.

**Special Assistance:** In case of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's school by phone, mail, or in person to request assistance when financially unable to purchase the standard student uniform. Special note—having a child on the free-reduced lunch program does not automatically qualify the family for assistance.

**Final Authority:** Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered above shall be within the discretion of the administration.

**Opt-out Provision for New Students:** The following procedure shall be followed if the parent or guardian desires to exempt his/her child from the uniform policy in accordance with Board Policy FNCA (Local) and FNG (Local):

Request by mail or in person a "Request for Exemption from the Student Uniform Requirement" and "Questions to Determine Bona Fide Religious and/or Philosophical Uniform Objections" forms. These documents can be obtained at the student's school site.

Within ten (10) calendar days of enrollment, complete the application for exemption in full and submit it to the designated campus administrator at the student's school.

Meet with the designated administrator to discuss the uniform policy and the nature of the objections to the policy. The purposes of this meeting include (a) ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the uniform policy, (b) verifying the accuracy of the information on the application, (c) preventing fraud and misrepresentation.

Meet with a designated district administrator to discuss the nature of the parental objection(s) to the policy.

Students who are denied an opt-out exemption by the board will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of ruling to come into compliance.

**Opt-Out Provision for Currently Enrolled Students:** The following procedure shall be followed if the parent or guardian desires to exempt his/her child who is currently enrolled in Forney ISD from the uniform policy in accordance with Board Policy FNCA (Local) and FNG (Local):

Request by mail or in person a "Request for Exemption from the Student Uniform Requirement" and "Questions to Determine Bona Fide Religious and/or Philosophical Uniform Objections" forms. These documents can be obtained at the student's school site.

The "Request for Exemption from the Student Uniform Requirement" and "Questions to Determine Bona Fide Religion and/or Philosophical Uniform Objections" forms must be completed and submitted to the campus administration at the student's school by the last day of instruction of each school calendar year for the following school year.

Meet with the designated administrator to discuss the uniform policy and the nature of the objections to the policy. The purposes of this meeting include (a) ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the uniform policy, (b) verifying the accuracy of the information on the application, (c) preventing fraud and misrepresentation.

Meet with a designated district administrator to discuss the nature of the parental objection(s) to the policy.

Opt-outs are granted for the current school calendar year only and must be applied for annually.

Students who are denied an opt-out exemption will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of ruling to come into compliance.

**Evaluation:** CPOC, DEIC, or a designated committee shall maintain the right to make recommendations to the board based on evaluation results or perceived needs for change.