



Forney ISD Student Dress Code

Dress and Grooming For All Students

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

The use of a school dress code is established to improve student self-esteem, bridge socio-economic differences among students, and promote positive behavior, thereby enhancing school safety and improving the learning environment.

If the campus administrator 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** [FNCA(LOCAL)].

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

ACCEPTABLE

Color:

Solid color 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 shirts, blouses, or turtlenecks.

General:

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

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 taken off 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. No hoods inside the building are permitted at any time.

Polo or Button up Shirts or Outerwear without a hood in solid colors representing a recognized Forney ISD school organization may be worn with approval by the Principal.

UNACCEPTABLE

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

Sleeveless.

Thermal type shirts.

T-shirts.

Zippered shirts or blouses.

Hooded sweatshirts or outerwear.

Hats, caps, bandanas, or other non-religious head coverings worn inside the school building.

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

Slacks, Shorts, Capri Pants***ACCEPTABLE (All Grade Levels)***

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

Style:

Pleated or flat front casual slacks, Capri pants or 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.

Shorts 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).

ACCEPTABLE (PK-4th Grade only)

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, skorts, 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).

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

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

UNACCEPTABLE

Baggy-style legged slacks.

Holes in clothing.

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, Hose/Tights, Leggings

ACCEPTABLE

Hose/Tights/Leggings-Solid, single colors. Must be worn under shorts (and skirts, or jumpers for PreK-4th grade)

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

General:

Shoes must be a matching pair.

Shoelaces must be a matching pair.

UNACCEPTABLE

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

House shoes.

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.

Hats, caps, bandanas, or other non-religious head coverings are not to be worn inside the school building.

Hooded sweatshirts or any outerwear with hoods are not permitted.

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

Facial hair must be well-groomed and neat in appearance with no unnatural hair colors.

Hair rollers 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 student's eyes.

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

Jewelry and Other Accessories

Excessive makeup and/or jewelry are not allowed.

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.

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

Students are not to wear sun shades 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, wristbands, 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

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, makeup, 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 or sleeveless tops, and tank tops are not acceptable.

No t-shirts are allowed.

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

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 must be worn at the waist.

Shorts 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).

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

No denim material is permitted.

Head and Footwear

Hats, caps, bandanas, hoods or other non-religious head coverings shall not be worn inside the school 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 containing holes 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

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.

Fundraising: Students will not be required to donate funds directly to a non-profit organization, fundraising 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 fundraising 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.