

It is the desire and intent of the Twin Falls School District to adopt a dress code to create an environment in our schools that is conducive to learning and free of potential distraction or danger. The Dress for Success code supports workplace norms for appropriate attire. It is our belief that schools are in the business of learning which necessitates discipline by the individual student in all areas such as language, behavior, attendance, and dress.

Students are to observe the following guidelines regarding student attire:

1. Shirts must have a modest neckline (no cleavage) and be long enough to cover the midriff (front and back). No spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube, off-the-shoulder, halter tops, or muscle shirts will be allowed. No backless, strapless, or half tops are to be worn.
2. Clothes must conceal undergarments (boxers, thongs, undergarment straps, etc.) at all times. No see-through, excessively tight or torn, or revealing attire is permitted.
3. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh at the elementary level (K-5) and just above the knee at the secondary level (6-12).
4. Pants must be worn at hip-level or higher (no excessive bagging or sagging).
5. No pajamas, slippers, or sleepwear of any kind is allowed.
6. Hats or head coverings (including sunglasses) of any kind are not allowed.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Students are prohibited from wearing or carrying clothing, accessories or jewelry, or displaying piercings or tattoos, which by picture, symbol, or word, depict or allude to any of the following:

1. Drug usage, including alcohol and tobacco;
2. Controlled substances of any kind;
3. Drug paraphernalia;
4. Gangs;
5. Violence, hate groups, racial separation;
6. Sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, or offensive material; or

7. Illegal acts.

8. Visible body piercing or magnetic/glued jewelry on face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue, and feet is prohibited. Earrings and nose studs are allowed. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects, or other jewelry deemed unsafe is not allowed at school.

9. Excessive or extreme make-up is not allowed.

There may be exclusions to the dress code policy for religious or health reasons.

Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy may include suspension and/or expulsion.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that it may be necessary for alternative placement schools, i.e., Bridge Academy, Magic Valley High School, Transition Center, or Freshman Academy, to have a different dress code. This is allowed; however, the dress code must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Interpretation and Implementation of Policy

The building principal/designee shall use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building principal/designee shall be final. Principals, administrators and teachers shall use reasonable discretion in enforcing this policy.

Enforcement

Teachers and administrators may deny class entrance to students dressed or otherwise adorned inappropriately until arrangements may be made for their proper attire. All time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences. Parents or guardians will be notified each time a student is asked to leave school because of inappropriate attire. Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances, for violating the standards of student conduct.

Temporary Exceptions

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building principal/designee has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations. An example of such an exception might be where a specially scheduled school event required a group of students to dress unusually on a particular day.