

COVINGTON ISD

STUDENT DRESS CODE

2017-2018 School Year

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, to instill discipline, prevent disruption, address safety concerns, and teach respect for authority.

The staff and student body of Covington ISD represent the school and thus, reflect a public image. As with any large business or organization in public view, certain guidelines regarding grooming and dress are required in order to preserve an attractive and respected appearance. The following dress and grooming requirements apply to school and school functions whether on or off campus with respect to age appropriateness. All instances of inappropriate grooming may not be listed as it is difficult to anticipate changes in clothing styles due to fads or personal preference. However, campus administrators reserve the right to designate any student's dress or grooming inappropriate if it is considered to be distracting or hazardous to the school environment or the educational process.

All Students are prohibited from wearing:

1. articles of clothing or footwear that cause damage to the building, furniture or equipment, i.e., shoe skates, cleats or other metal objects on apparel or footwear.
2. hats, caps, bandanas, hoodies or any type of headwear in any building or gymnasium, or carrying them in class. Caps and hats are allowed at sporting events.
3. shorts or skirts that are shorter than five inches from the top of the kneecap
4. clothing reflecting vulgarity, violence, obscenity or drawings, pictures or logo that contain elements of alcohol, drug or tobacco use, gang symbolism, or sexual symbolism
5. sunglasses, except as designed for indoor wear by doctor's prescription.
6. fishnets, see-through clothing, blouses or shirts that fit loosely around the shoulders
7. shirts without sleeves for grades 4-12 (no tank tops)
8. leggings, leotards or tights, except when worn under shorts or skirts that meets the dress code requirements.
9. unhemmed cut-off shorts
10. suggestive, overly tight, or revealing clothing; such as yoga pants
11. any pants or trousers that sag or that give the appearance of "sagging"
12. jeans with holes above the knee that skin can be seen
13. house shoes. For safety reasons, spiked heels higher than 2 inches during the school day
14. pajamas, tops or bottoms
15. any visible tattoo reflecting vulgarity, violence, obscenity, gang symbolism, or sexual symbolism
16. any body piercing excluding the female earring rule.

Female students:

1. may wear no more than two pieces of pierced jewelry in each ear, but no gauges or spacers are allowed (because of safety reasons students in grades PreK-3 may not wear hoops or dangling ear rings.)
2. must wear or groom hair in a natural hair color in such a way that the style or color is not distracting to the school environment.

3. must wear hair in such a way that it does not obstruct the view of the face.
4. must wear appropriately sized clothes.
5. must wear clothes so that the torso is covered at all times.
6. must wear appropriate foundation garments and in such a way that they are not visible.
7. who are in grades PreK-3 are not allowed to wear make-up or fake finger nails.
8. PreK-5th grade students must wear shorts under their dresses and skirts.

Male students:

1. are prohibited from wearing earrings, gauges or spacers.
2. are prohibited from wearing sleeveless shirts excluding vest with a shirt under it.
3. are prohibited from wearing ponytails, rat-tails, or hair length that extends beyond the bottom of a dress shirt collar.
4. must be clean shaven during the school day and at school events. Sideburns can be no longer than the middle of the ear lobe.
5. must wear hair in such a way that it does not obstruct the view of the face.
6. may not wear Mohawks
7. must wear or groom hair in a natural hair color in such a way that the style or color is not distracting to the school environment.
8. must wear appropriately sized clothes.
9. must wear clothes so that the torso is covered at all times.
10. must wear appropriate foundation garments and in such a way that they are not visible.

Students who violate the dress code will be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be sent to the principal's office until the problem is corrected. (FNCA LOCAL)

Students out of dress code while attending extra-curricular activities or other school related events will be asked to leave.