

BIS Dress Code 2022-2023

The Sweetwater Board of Education believes that good taste and normal standards should be maintained in dress and grooming. We are asking for your cooperation with the following dress requirements. Students violating the dress code are subject to disciplinary action.

GENERAL

- No apparel, dress, accessories, or grooming which **may become potentially disruptive**.
- No article of clothing, apparel, jewelry or tattoos may be worn which implies or otherwise mentions alcohol, tobacco, drugs, provocative language, gangs, offensive language, harming of others, hatred, or any prejudice.
- No see-through or revealing clothing. **Undergarments will not be visible** at any time.

SHIRTS/ PANTS/ SHORTS

- No spaghetti straps, halter tops, racer-back shirts, muscle shirts, fishnet shirts, **crop tops**, or any other **clothing showing bare midriff when standing or raising arms**.
- Tank tops must be **at least 3 fingers width** across the straps.
- No excessive cleavage of breasts or buttocks will be tolerated.

PANTS/ SHORTS/ SKIRTS/ DRESSES

- NO "sagging" is allowed. Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at a natural waistline and securely fastened.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses **must not be shorter than the point a dollar bill reaches up from the knee**.
- Leggings are acceptable as long as the **student's undergarments are not visible through pants**.
- No inappropriate or excessively torn jeans can be worn. Pants with holes may be worn as long as the holes are no higher than a dollar bill above the knee, holes are below the knee, or leggings/shorts are worn underneath. **No skin should be visible through holes above a dollar bill length above the knee**.

ACCESSORIES

- Jewelry must be of the appropriate size. Earrings and/or studs may be worn in the **ears or nose only**. Studs or ornaments of any kind worn in any other pierced area are not authorized. Band-aids do not excuse the rule; however, clear spacers are acceptable.

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- **No chains** hooked to pants, wallets, accessories, or other garments will be allowed.
- No **head coverings** (including hoods from hooded sweatshirts and head apparel tied around the neck), **sunglasses or gloves**, except for medical or religious purposes, may be worn inside the building.
- No accessory that is spiked, studded, contains chains or metal tabs, or in any way presents potential danger or harm to self or others will be permitted. **This includes collars.**
- No **disruptive make-up** of any sort, buttons, pins, jewelry, or other accessories
- Students should not write on themselves, others, or on their clothing.
- Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor physical activity. **Tennis shoes are required for participation in PE.**

COATS

- Coats and hoodies must fit the criteria of shirts. Trench coats or long coats may not be worn in the school building during school hours.

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

The items specifically cited in this dress code should not be viewed as “all inclusive.” The administration may make decisions about items that are disruptive to the educational process and deal with those items accordingly.

VIOLATIONS

- Students found to be violating the dress code will be given a citation and given the opportunity to address the violation. If necessary, parents/guardians will be contacted to bring alternate clothing. Should a parent/guardian be unable to provide alternate clothing, the student will be provided with an appropriate item from the school clothes closet.
- After three (3) citations are given for dress code violations, the student will receive an office referral.