

## **Dress and Grooming (from the Saint Jo ISD Student Handbook)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. In addition to the regular school day, the dress code will also be adhered to at school sponsored events such as awards ceremonies, dances, academic competitions, sporting events, etc. (Please refer to graduation for dress code requirements associated with commencement and community provided graduation activities.) Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

If the principal 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.

### **Regarding hair, the following are prohibited:**

- Boy's hair extending below the collar, over the eye, and below the bottom of the ear.
- Unconventional colored, multi-colored, spiked, razor cuts/shaved designs or Mohawks (regardless of the length of the hair remaining) hair styles.
- Facial hair and sideburns extending below the bottom of the ear.

### **Regarding accessories, the following are prohibited:**

- Earrings on boys
- Facial, body, or tongue piercing to include but not limited to nose, eyebrow, and lip rings, studs, bars, gauges, or spacers. (Does not include girls' earrings)
- House shoes and slippers
- Trench coats
- Sunglasses
- Hats, headbands, sweatbands, bandanas, or headgear (Does not include appropriate girls' pony tail holders, hair bands, bows, clips, etc...) unless on specified Spirit Days.
- Chains (Does not include appropriate necklaces and bracelets)
- Pocket knives

## **Junior High/High School Dress and Grooming**

Students must practice good hygiene regarding hair, body and clothing.

### **Regarding Clothing, the following are prohibited:**

- Shirts/blouses short enough to expose the midriff when the student's arms are raised and mesh or see through blouses
- Shirts that are less than 2 inches across the shoulder, low-cut tops/tank tops, or shirts that expose either undergarments or the chest area.
- All clothing, bags, backpacks, purses, or any student possession displayed that bears the symbol, emblem or use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.
- All clothing, bags, backpacks, purses, or any student's possession displayed with distracting, inappropriate, suggestive, negative, or distasteful words, phrases, or images. These include but are not limited to: satanic symbols, profanity, sexual innuendo, skulls, daggers, bars & clubs or images depicting or promoting violence.
- Extremely revealing or tight fit clothing, clothing that reveals cleavage, clothing that reveals the back, clothing that reveals undergarments or is made in a way to look like an undergarment.

- Short length that is less than mid-thigh.
- Skirts or dresses that are less than the top of the knee.
- Oversized cotton sweat pants, yoga pants, pajamas or pajama pants.
- Pants that are sagging, spandex and bicycle pants.
- Pants, jeans, capris, shorts, skirts, etc... that are excessively worn, cutoff with frays or exhibit excessive holes as to expose skin above the knee or undergarments.
- Clothing that is excessively worn, cutoff with frays or exhibits excessive holes and/or frays as to expose skin or undergarments.
- Tights, jeggings or leggings that are worn with a top, skirt, or dress that is less than upper-thigh.

**Dress code for Homecoming Ceremonies and JR/SR Prom:**

- Dresses should:
  - not be see-through or have cut out middles and sides,
  - have no exposed midriffs,
  - not have extremely low-cut backs or sides, and
  - cannot have a deep cut front.
- Boys are required to wear proper formal attire.