

austin Middle School

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AMS Dress Code

Pants and Shorts

- Length must be appropriate (5" from the top of kneecap as measured by a ruler or the width of a 3 x 5 index card);
- Sized appropriately

Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts must be size appropriate and be worn at waistline;
- Shoulders must be covered, and arm holes must be tight fitting;
- Length must be appropriate (3" from the top of the kneecap as measured by a ruler or the length of a 3 x 5 index card); Slits in skirts must be appropriate (no slit above the three-inch rule)

Shirts and Blouses

- Must be size appropriate;
- Long or short sleeved, dress shirt, polo type, sleeveless with appropriate, tight-fitting armholes (no tank tops, no halter tops, no spaghetti straps);
- Must have no writing, pictures, or graphics that unreasonably attract the attention of other students or cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school (e.g., vulgarity, sexual innuendo); Shirttails must be below the belt line even with arms raised above the head or when the student is seated

Shoes

• All students must wear appropriate shoes (examples: dress, tennis, flip-flops, clogs).

Not Approved for School Wear

- No holes, frays, rips, or tears which are revealing or inappropriate;
- See-through clothing;
- Sleeveless shirts, blouses, without appropriate (tight-fitting) armholes;
- Deep-scooped necklines;
- Clothing that shows the bare midriff, bare back or the bare shoulders;
- Pajamas, bedroom shoes, or other sleepwear;
- Articles of clothing which advertise or display the symbols of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages;
- Clothing which may be considered racially insensitive or which displays or implies profane or obscene language or symbols;
- Emblems, insignias, badges, tattoos, or other symbols where the effect thereof is to unreasonably attract the attention of other students or cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school;
- Headgear is prohibited and must be kept out of sight on the school campus during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sweatbands, sunglasses, or any other head covering. No combs, rakes, curlers, or picks can be worn in the hair. Exceptions for religious or medical reasons to be granted by the principal.
- Chains hanging from wallets or clothing;
- Exposure of undergarments of any type;
- Display or wearing of any gang articles, paraphernalia or clothing that can be construed as being gang related (e.g. bandanas, sweat bands, head rags, etc.);
- Jewelry that is offensive, distracts, or is studded or pointed is unacceptable. Heavy chains are not allowed.

Notes:

The school administration reserves the right to alter the dress code for special occasions or extracurricular activities. Parents who require an exemption from the dress code for religious, cultural or short-term medical reasons may make application to the principal.