

Pringle-Morse CISD Dress and Grooming Code

The Pringle-Morse CISD Dress and Grooming Code is established to create and maintain a positive learning environment while preventing the disruption, interference with, or detraction from the educational environment, assemblies and ceremonies. The codes minimize health and safety hazards while instilling the virtues of self-discipline and respect for others. Additionally, as a critical part of preparing students to be college and career ready, this code promotes the importance of self-respect and teaches the importance of presenting oneself professionally in a work-related setting.

The dress (apparel) and grooming code shall be observed at all times by students riding school buses, attending campus, PE, athletic classes, and after-school extracurricular activities. Students are a reflection of the school, and the code shall be observed when students are traveling on school-sponsored academic, athletic, band, field, or other extracurricular trips. Apparel and school gear with alcohol, drug-related, tobacco, gang, inappropriate, obscene, offensive, provocative, or vulgar messages, pictures, or slogans will not be permitted.

Students are expected to come to school clean, appropriately dressed, and neatly groomed. Students, parents, and guardians share responsibility for complying with the District's code. The superintendent/principal, counselor, and teachers have authority to enforce the District's code. If a student's apparel or grooming violates the code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, an acceptable change of clothing will be provided in a way that minimizes the loss of instructional time. A call may be made to the parent or guardian to discuss a resolution to the apparel or grooming issue. The cooperation of parents and students is requested. No set of guidelines can account for every possibility, but Pringle-Morse CISD believes these rules help maintain school safety and a positive learning environment.

The superintendent/principal determines the appropriateness of apparel or grooming in a dispute. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees encourage the public to discuss their concerns with the superintendent/principal who has the authority to address the concerns.

Dress Code:

Shoes on feet

1. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
2. Flip flops are allowed but not recommended due to toe injuries.
3. Steel-toed shoes, steel-toed boots, rollerblades, and heely shoes (shoes with wheels) are not permitted.

Shirts

1. Shirts should be the appropriate size, neither too tight nor too large.
2. Shirts must overlap the waistband of pants, shorts, and skirts and not allow the stomach or back to show when standing, sitting, or with arms raised.
3. No low-cut, backless, see-through, sheer, or revealing shirts permitted.
4. No crop, halter, "spaghetti-strap," mesh, muscle, tank, or tube tops permitted.

Pants and Jeans

1. Pants and jeans should be the appropriate size, neither too tight nor too large.
2. A belt may be required if the pants or jeans fall from the waist or are considered "saggy."
3. Appropriately fitting warm-up pants fit to the waist are acceptable.
4. No multiple holes, slashes, or rips above the longest fingertip length permitted.
5. Leggings, jeggings, and tights are not considered pants by Pringle-Morse CISD.

Shorts

1. Shorts should be the appropriate size, neither too tight or too loose
2. Shorts should be an appropriate length for school, PE, and athletic activities. Shorts should reach the mid-thigh while standing
3. Shorts should be pulled up to the waist and may require a belt if considered "saggy."

4. No cut-off shorts permitted.
5. No biking shorts allowed unless worn under dresses or skirts for modesty.

Dresses and Skirts

1. Dress and skirt hem length should be mid-thigh or longer when standing.
2. Shorts must be worn under dresses or skirts.

Leggings, jeggings, and tights

1. Leggings, jeggings, and tights may be worn under dresses, jeans, pants, shorts, and skirts that meet the dress code.
2. Tunics (long dressy shirts), dresses, and skirts must be mid-thigh or longer when standing when worn with leggings, jeggings, and tights.

Undergarments

1. Underwear, boxers, sports bras, and bra straps are to be covered and not visible.
2. "Spaghetti strap" shirts or tank tops may only be worn under a buttoned or pull-over top. The straps should not be visible.

The following items shall not be worn by students riding on the bus, attending campus, PE, athletic classes, and after-school extracurricular activities:

1. Apparel and school gear with alcohol, drug-related, tobacco, gang, inappropriate, obscene, offensive, provocative, or vulgar messages, pictures, or slogans
2. Bandanas
3. Chain jewelry that could be a safety hazard
4. Earrings and studs are not allowed on boys
5. Gang gear or paraphernalia
6. House shoes except on a superintendent/principal-approved designated event day
7. Sleepwear except on a superintendent/principal-approved designated event day

8. Visible tattoos
9. Trench coats
10. Visible body jewelry, other than girls' earring. Visible body jewelry not allowed includes tongue studs and rings.

The following items may not be worn inside the building except on superintendent/principal approved special days:

1. Bandanas
2. Blankets
3. Caps
4. Gloves
5. Hats
6. Hoods
7. Scarves
8. Other head coverings

Grooming:

1. Cleanliness of body, hair, clothing, and shoes is to be maintained at all times.
2. Hair shall be clean, neat, and combed for school each day.
3. Hair shall be kept out of the eyes.
4. Boys hair shall be trimmed above the collars in the back, kept no longer than the bottom of the ear on the sides, and shall be trimmed above the eyebrows in the front.
5. Sideburns shall be trimmed to the bottom of the ear lobe.
6. Facial and neck hair are not permitted.
7. Extreme hairstyles and color that, in the opinion of the staff, distract from classroom instruction and attention shall not be permitted.