

Aledo Middle School Dress Code



The school's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. The school prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out above and with the student dress code as outlined below.

If the principal or the principal's designee determines that a student's grooming or dress violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated dress code offenses will result in progressive disciplinary action.

Dress Code Guidelines:

1. The length of shorts, skirts, and dresses must cover more than half of the thigh. This includes, but is not limited to, athletic shorts and wind shorts. NOTE: the **entire hemline** MUST cover more than half of the thigh. Shorts and skirts must also be visible when oversized shirts are worn. Leggings and/or yoga style pants must be accompanied by shirts that cover more than half of the thigh. Form-fitting/skin tight dresses or skirts are not permitted.
2. Cheerleading uniforms must comply with length guidelines or be worn only during pep rallies and games. Leggings must be worn with cheerleading uniforms during the school day, except during pep rallies.
3. Appropriate undergarments shall be worn. Any clothing that exposes undergarments is prohibited. This includes bag or sag pants that reveal underwear.
4. Exposure of breast cleavage and midriff is prohibited. **Clothing which exposes the midriff at any time during the normal course of classroom activities is prohibited** (i.e. seated at desk, writing on board, raising of the hand, etc.)
5. Shoulders must be covered by material the minimum width of 2 inches. No spaghetti strap shirts or dresses shall be worn unless an undershirt that meets the minimum width of 2 inches is worn under the spaghetti strap shirt or dress. Backs must be covered (razorback tank tops do not meet this criteria).
6. No sleeveless shirts for boys.
7. All students must wear shoes. Shoes with rubber, steel, or hard plastic cleats, such as those used in football, baseball, etc. are NOT to be worn at school. For safety purposes, shoes with removable wheels and heels over 2 inches are NOT permitted. Appropriate rubber-soled tennis shoes (athletic type) for P.E. are required.
8. No house shoes or pajamas shall be allowed at school.
9. No hats or any other forms of head coverings will be allowed on boys or girls in any part of the building. If a hat is worn, it will be taken up and returned at an administrator's discretion or parents may come to the school and claim the hat. The school will not be responsible if a confiscated hat is lost.
10. Clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs or illegal activities is prohibited. In addition, clothing that advertises activities that are suggestive, vulgar or otherwise inappropriate is prohibited.
11. Pants must fit at the waist. If jeans or pants are loose at the waist, a belt must be worn to secure the pants at waist level. Pants must not exceed 2 inches below the navel. Any part of the pants cannot extend to the floor.
12. No holes or shredded areas in clothing are permitted above the knee.
13. Exposed facial or body piercings other than the ear shall be limited to studs (no loops, spikes, gauges, etc.). If the size or quantity of studs is deemed a distraction, it shall be limited.
14. Hairstyles and color shall not, in the opinion of the administration, cause a health or safety hazard or cause a disruption of the educational process.
15. Any gang related attire is prohibited (i.e. bandanas, chains of more than 6 inches in length, etc.).
16. **The principal shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine its appropriateness for school wear.**