



Forestwood Middle School

To: Parents and Guardians of Forestwood Middle School students
From: David W. Tickner; Principal
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Re: Modifications to the Dress Code

Recently the administrators from Flower Mound High School, Forestwood, McKamy, and Shadow Ridge Middle Schools had the opportunity to meet in an effort to improve communication and consistency among the Flower Mound High School attendance zone. One small facet of that conference resulted in a few minor revisions to our dress code, furthering consistency among the schools and hopefully better preparing our Forestwood students for the high school experience. What follows is our modified dress code; changes are noted with an asterisk and bold lettering.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

All clothing and other accessories must conform to LISD dress code policy. For clarification purposes, the following guidelines are provided to secondary students:

1. All students must be clean and neatly groomed.
2. * Students' hair must be **clean, groomed, and of a natural color**. The nature of the style and color shall not tend to create a distraction. **(i.e.: spiked, rattails, Mohawks, partially shaved heads or hair carvings, covering eyes.)**
3. Students may not wear facial jewelry or facial decoration other than normal, natural color make-up. Tongue rings, facial tattoos, and/or glitter make-up is considered inappropriate.
4. Male students may wear either one small stud or one small loop earring in one or both ears.
5. All students shall wear appropriate undergarments. Undergarments are not to be visible at any time, therefore any type of see-through clothing would be considered inappropriate.
6. Male or female students may not wear hats, sweatbands, bandannas, hair rollers or curlers, or other hair grooming items in the school building.
7. * **Clothing which is deemed inappropriate or offensive for school in general shall not be allowed including, but not limited to: mini-skirts, revealing or extremely tight clothing, split sides, see-through clothing, pajamas, house shoes, slippers, shower shoes, skates, roller shoes, halters, midriffs, fish-net tops, tank tops, or spaghetti straps.**
8. * **Clothing that advertises by name, symbol or logo any of the following will be prohibited:**
 - **products that are not permitted in school including drugs, alcohol, and tobacco;**
 - **profane, obscene or suggestive slogans;**
 - **violence or acts of violence.**
9. The principal has the authority to allow all or part of the student body to vary from the uniform and to establish a particular mode of attire for special occasion days or for particular school-sponsored or school related activities. On these days student dress must comply with the guidelines established for the occasion.

10. During all after school activities students must remain in the school dress code. During events such as athletics competitions or school sponsored socials, students may wear clothing of their choice, complying with the norms of decency and modesty.
11. The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any dress that is disruptive to the school environment.

Standards of measurement that will be employed by school personnel to determine appropriateness:

1. Shirts:
 - a. No bare midriffs;
 - b. No visible undergarments;
 - c. Boys: shirts must have sleeves;
 - d. Girls: no bare shoulders to the shoulder point;
 - e. Shoulder points
 - f. * **The opening of a blouse or shirt should be high enough to prevent any visible cleavage at all times.**
2. Pants:
 - a. Shorts, skirts & dresses must be fingertip length as measured while standing straight with shoulders relaxed (leggings, hose, tights, etc. do not negate this requirement;)
 - b. * **No visible undergarments; holes in clothing are not permitted anywhere on the garment. Patches that cover holes must be permanently attached to the garment.**
 - c. Pants should be worn and must remain at the natural waistline which is defined as the hipbone.
3. Footwear:
 - a. No bare feet!
 - b. No shoes with wheels, house shoes, slippers, or shower shoes.



Non-compliance:

These procedures will be followed for a student who arrives at school out of compliance with the dress code guidelines. The student will be sent to the office to meet with the appropriate Assistant Principal:

1. On the first offense, the parents/guardian will be contacted and given the opportunity to deliver appropriate school clothing to the student. In the absence of appropriate clothing, the student will be escorted to the P.A.S.S. room for the remainder of the school day.
2. On the second offense, the parents/guardian will be contacted and given the opportunity to deliver appropriate school clothing to the student. In addition to dressing in the required clothing, the student will be assigned one (1) day in the P.A.S.S. room for the insubordination.
3. Any further offenses will result in more serious consequences ranging from additional assignment to P.A.S.S. to placement at the District's Alternative Education Program.

As you have read, these adjustments are minor. Our intention in sending this note is to inform the Forestwood community and help families as they shop for clothing during the summer months. Please feel free to call or stop by the school with any questions, concerns or clarifications. We stand ready to support the parents of our students as partners in the education of your children.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!