



7th & 8th Grade – Collins Middle School
DRESS CODE
2011-2012

DRESS AND GROOMING

The District's dress code is established to instill discipline, teach respect for authority and self, prevent disruption, teach grooming and hygiene, and minimize safety hazards. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The Lake Worth ISD prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the judgment of the campus principal may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. Any clothing or personal adornment which, in the judgment of the principal, is likely to create a disruption or otherwise compromise the good order and discipline of the school is prohibited. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards provided that they comply with the standards listed below.

Dress Code for Students in 7 – 8 grade for School Year 2011 – 2012:

Students shall come to school with appropriate, neat, clean clothing that conforms to the following standards approved by the LWISD School Board:

1. Solid polo-type buttoned shirts where the logo cannot be bigger than one inch by one inch and must be without decoration or lace and will be worn in the following approved colors: gray, hunter green, navy blue, or white. Plain undershirts will be worn in the following approved colors: gray, hunter green, navy blue, black, or white. Shirts must be loosed fitting and exposure of cleavage and midriff is prohibited. All shirts must come past the waist of their pants / skirt / shorts / skorts when a student's arms are raised in the air. All undershirts must be tucked in.
2. Sweatshirts, hooded garments (pullover or zipper), coats or jackets are to be without decoration or printing, and also be in approved school colors: gray, hunter green, navy blue, or white. The aforementioned items will be worn appropriately (in the manner for which they were made) with an approved polo-type shirt underneath.
3. Solid blue or black jeans or solid navy, black or khaki (tan) slacks, shorts, skirts, or —skorts may be worn. Shorts, skirts, or —skorts must be modest in appearance and not be more than 2-3|| above the knee. Leggings under clothing do not constitute compliance with the dress code. Pants may not be sagging, have patches or holes, cut-off, split, or have excessive frayed pant legs. They must be worn at the natural waist at all times.
4. Alternate shirts may be worn for group activities approved by the campus principal.
5. Hairstyles that, in the opinion of the campus administrator, cause a health or safety hazard or cause a disruption of the educational process (i.e., glitter, un-natural hair colors, mohawks, etched in designs, etc.) shall not be permitted. Facial hair must be short, trimmed, and neat at all times.
6. Face paint is strictly prohibited without prior administrative approval. Writing on any part of the body is not permitted.
7. No hats, head coverings, scarves, bandanas, or sunglasses of any kind are to be brought to school and worn in the building without prior administrative approval.
8. All students must wear appropriate footwear. Flip-flops, slippers, and house shoes are not permitted.
9. The wearing of heavy chains, spiked jewelry, and body piercing jewelry is prohibited. Students will be asked to remove jewelry and leave in the nurse's office. Jewelry will not be returned to the student. All students may have ear lobes pierced. Boys wearing earrings may only wear studs or small hoops.
10. Gang paraphernalia, symbols, or gestures are strictly prohibited.
11. All tattoos must be covered.
12. Wild Eyes or other similar contacts lenses may not be worn.

All students who, in the opinion of a teacher, are in violation of this dress code will be sent to the Principal or designee (i.e., assistant principal) for a determination. The Principal or designee will make all final determinations of dress code violations. Students who are found to be in violation of the dress code will be given an opportunity to correct the violation. If the student continues to be in violation, they become subject to further disciplinary action as set forth in the Code of Conduct. The principal, or designee, shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine its appropriateness in relation to this dress code.