

Oakwood Independent School District

Dress Code 2016-2017

631 North Holly Street Oakwood, Texas 75855

Dress and Grooming:

When a student of Oakwood ISD is in attendance at school or at a school event, they are required to adhere to school rules, including but not limited to the Dress Code.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Shorts and Sleeveless Garments:

- **Students in grades PreK-6** may wear shorts no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. These may be athletic type shorts with elastic bands.
- PreK-6 girls must wear shorts under skirt/dress. This is due to Physical Education class.
- **Students in 6-12** may wear shorts but they must have pockets with belt loops (cargo shorts). Gym shorts or shorts with an elastic waistband will not be allowed. The length of the shorts should fall between 3 inches above the knee and no longer than 1 inch below the knee.
- NO muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, strapless, racerback, or backless blouses may be worn.

Other Clothing:

- Dresses, split skirts and any other skirts are to be no more than 3 inches above the knee front, side, and back.
- Sweat bottoms, wind suits, and joggers may NOT be worn on the junior high or high school campus.
- Girls may wear Capri pants falling below the knee.
- Hip huggers and bicycle shorts are not allowed, even when covered with a short skirt attached.
- A garment must be worn over leggings, jeggings, and/or yoga pants and be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee. Jeans that appear to be TOO FORM FITTING may be treated like jeggings, and need an appropriate length shirt. If in doubt...wear a longer shirt. We want to portray a modest appearance at school.
- Students that wear pants/shorts with belt loops accompanied by a belt must have a belt that fits properly. Belts outside the belt loop may not be too long, and at the discretion of the administration, must be tucked inside the belt loop.

- All shirts that have buttons must be buttoned except the top or collar buttons.
- T-shirts must have sleeves. NO muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, or backless blouses may be worn.
- Any clothing or attire which promotes racism, gang participation, affiliation with any radical group, displays or makes reference to lewd or vulgar behavior, alcohol or drugs, tobacco products or that might cause discord among the student body will NOT be allowed at school or any school function.
- Shirts and other clothing with suggestive writing will not be allowed. Shirts and other clothing may not have anything of a violent nature, e.g. pro-wrestling, etc...
- No crop tops, halter-tops or blouses that reveal skin at the midriff will be allowed.
- No blouses that reveal cleavage are allowed.
- No see through or see in clothing will be allowed without an **undershirt that meets dress code. (This includes burn-out shirts.)**
- No clothing with **holes** will be allowed on shirts or jeans.
- No sagging/baggy pants or shorts. Pants and shorts must be worn to properly fit at the waist.
- Hoods on sweat shirts will not be allowed to be worn in any school building.
- Any normal school activity such as sitting, bending, or reaching should not reveal undergarments.
- No clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause a disruption or interference with normal school operations.

Hair:

- No wearing of caps, hats, handkerchiefs, bandanas, silk hose, curlers, sweatbands, hoods, nylon caps, picks or combs or other head ornaments inside any building. These items can be confiscated by the principal.
- All students' hair will be clean and neatly groomed.
- Boys' hair must be at a decent length and neatly groomed. Boys' hair must be close to the same length all over the head and hair must be above the eyebrow and above the earlobes.
- Hair may not be longer than the top of a collared shirt. No box or flat top hairstyles that exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in height will be allowed.
- No tails, pony tails, braids, mohawks, fades, chili bowls, eraser tops, shaved hair designs, cornrows, or perms on boys are permitted.
- Burr haircuts are permitted on boys. Afros may be no deeper than 2 inches when measured from the scalp.
- Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear and may not be flared.
- No unnatural hair colors will be allowed for any students. Students may change the color of their hair unless it distracts from the educational process as determined by the superintendent.
- **Facial hair is not permitted on males and you will be asked to shave at a possible cost of \$.25 per razor. The excuse of, "Oh, I'll do it before I come tomorrow," will not be allowed. Take care of this issue at the house please.**

Jewelry, Shoes, etc... :

- Male students may not wear earrings or any other items in their ears. No piercing whatsoever is allowed for boys.
- Girls may have earrings only – but not excessive (not over 2 in an ear at a time).
- Students will not be allowed to wear any jewelry associated with the fad of body piercing while in attendance at Oakwood ISD or ANY school related activity. Nose rings, nose studs, tongue spikes, eyelid rings, belly rings, or any other jewelry associated with body piercing is forbidden.
- Students may not wear large chains, large neck jewelry, or medallions.
- No flip flops or house shoes may be worn at school.
- All shoes or sandals must have a back or ankle strap
- Students may not have visible tattoos. Any visible tattoos must be covered.
- No dark glasses inside the building, with the exception of prescription glasses.

Other:

- Students with special needs must receive prior approval from the campus administration on a case-by-case basis concerning exceptions to the hair and dress code.
- Campus administration may modify dress code for special events, e.g. regulation shorts for field day or certain exceptions for homecoming and Red Ribbon Week activities.
- Any conflict or debates regarding the dress code will be settled by the judgment of the administration.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code:

1. The student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school.
2. A parent or designee may bring an acceptable change of clothing to the school.
3. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until the problem is corrected.

Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.