

Aransas Pass ISD



Standard Mode of Dress (SMOD) Requirements

2023-2024

Administrators have discretion on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress code, including matters not specifically covered in the student dress code.

Students may wear shirts, pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses, outerwear and shoes that adhere to the following rules:

1. No clothing or accessories that appears to advertise or promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, cult-or-gang-related activity (including bandanas) that is sexually suggestive, demeaning to other people or groups of people, or likely to cause disruption to the learning environment or school operations.
2. Aransas Pass ISD Club, Organization, School, or Class “Spirit Shirts” must be purple, gold, white, gray, or black in color and promote positive Aransas Pass “Panther Pride”. Spirit shirts purchased from outside vendors must be a solid color (purple, gold, white, gray, or black) and promote positive Aransas Pass “Panther Pride”.
3. All clothing must be appropriately sized to the student.
 - a. No form-fitting, low-cut, or revealing clothing (bicycle shorts, yoga pants, etc.).
 - b. Shirts should not be longer than finger-tip length.
 - c. No midriffs may show (including with arms raised overhead.).
4. All clothing must be intact and opaque (not see-through).
 - a. No cut or torn material above the knee in jeans. Cut or torn material permissible at the knee or below.
 - b. No mesh clothing.
 - c. No clothing designed as undergarments (men’s undershirts, women’s lingerie, camisoles)
 - d. No pajama-style pants.
5. All skirts, shorts, skorts and dresses must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. (Dollar bill rule)
6. In grades 6-12, no leggings or yoga pants may be worn in place of pants. Leggings ARE allowed when worn under skirts or dresses that are appropriate in length.

7. In grades 6-12, students may not wear coveralls or overalls.
8. Any clothing that reveals the shoulders (sleeveless shirts, jumpers, and sundresses) should have an appropriate shirt worn underneath that covers the shoulders.
9. Appropriate underclothing should be worn but not visible.
10. No hats, caps, head coverings, gloves, arm socks, hoods, or sunglasses may be worn indoors.
 - a. No wearing jewelry, headbands, or wigs used for cos-play, character costumes, and/or role play (including but not limited to rabbit ears, unicorn horns, cat ears) (Secondary Only).
11. Shoes
 - a. Acceptable:
 - i. shoes with closed toes and backs
 - b. NOT acceptable
 - i. All heels higher than 2 inches
 - ii. Military style boots, shower shoes, house shoes, shoes with wheels, or rollerblades.
 - c. Additional restrictions may be imposed for shoes required for P.E., athletics, science, etc.
12. Students who are members of nationally recognized organizations (e.g., scouting) may wear the uniforms approved by that organization if the uniform(s) meet the requirements of this dress code.
13. Hair and makeup should provide a neat and natural appearance in compliance with these standards:
 - a. Hair: clean, well, groomed, natural colored hair that does not cover the eyes
 - b. Clean, well groomed, natural colored facial hair
 - c. No distracting hair styles/wigs (e.g., no symbols, suggestive marks or words shaved into hair).

- d. A natural hair color only (i.e., brown, blonde, black, or natural shade of red).
- e. No distracting makeup or other cosmetics; only nude, natural, or skin toned colors (e.g., no bright or saturated colors; no glitter).
- f. Contacts should be a natural eye color (i.e., green, hazel, brown, blue).

14. No excessive jewelry:

- a. No hanging straps or chains.

15. No body ornamentation should be visible:

- a. Tattoos, body art, writing, or pictures should be covered and hidden from view.
- b. No nose rings, tongue rings, gauges/plugs/tapers/spacers, or other body piercings (other than ear piercings and single nose stud).

16. When outerwear (hoodies, coats, etc.) is necessitated by weather conditions:

- a. Appropriate attire should be worn underneath outerwear.
- b. No hoods may be worn indoors.
- c. No dusters or trench coats are allowed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Principals may designate special occasion days with guidelines that vary from this dress code as appropriate.
- The sponsor, coach, or other employee in charge of an extracurricular or co-curricular activity or special class, in cooperation with the campus administration, may impose additional guidelines on the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity or class.

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