

3. No exposed tattoos or body piercing will be permitted, other than pierced earrings of a reasonable size and number.

As stated previously, this list is not exclusive. Campus administration may at any time make reasonable determination that an item of clothing, style or manner of dress or grooming, or accessory poses an unacceptable risk of disruption to the instructional environment because it is inappropriately distracting, is intended or likely to cause offense or incite conflict among the campus population, is unacceptably conducive to the concealment of weapons or other contraband, or on any other reasonable grounds. In that case, the campus administration shall be entitled to use the provisions of this code and the BISD Policy FNCA (Local) to address the matter.

BACKPACKS

In the best interest of student safety, clear, transparent, or mesh backpacks, waist packs or purse packs shall be permitted in Grades 6-12. Students who fail to comply will be subject to disciplinary consequences. First offense, student warning and parent contact; second offense, pick up backpack/waist pack/purse pack and return to parent during conference; third offense, contact parent and assign student to an alternative setting at the discretion of the principal. The only exception to this rule is the use of a school-issued athletic bag that can only be used before or after school and as per extenuating circumstances including IDEA and 504 students that are approved by the principal. Campus principals may opt not to allow students to use backpacks/waist packs/purse packs and may instead recommend a “trapper keeper.”

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For more information, contact any BISD secondary school administrator.

An illustration of four diverse secondary school students standing together, smiling. From left to right: a boy in a dark shirt holding a book, a girl in a patterned sweater holding a book, a girl in a dark crop top and light pants holding a book, and a boy in a light-colored t-shirt holding a book. They are standing in front of a large sign that reads 'Brownsville Independent School District' at the top and 'Dress Code for Secondary School Students (Grades 6-12)' in the center. The sign is set against a background of a black sky with white stars.

Dress code for BISD secondary school students

Section FNCA (Local) of the Brownsville Independent School District Policy Manual provides general guidelines to determine appropriate dress and grooming for students on its campuses and at school-sponsored events. That section also provides for a more detailed student dress code to be outlined in the student-parent handbook. Violations of the dress code can have disciplinary consequences ranging from in-school suspension for a single violation to more serious disciplinary action for repeated violations. This list is not exclusive, but is adopted to address specific issues which have been determined by the administrators to be disruptive to the instructional environment, and to provide guidance as to the type of dress and/or grooming which will be considered to be a violation of the student dress code at BISD.

Note: Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all middle schools implemented a standardized attire requirement as designated by the respective campus administration.

DRESS AND ACCESSORIES

1. Dresses, shorts, and skirts shall not be so short as to cause a distraction. Anything shorter than the end of the student's fingertips when the student arms are held extended to his/her sides shall be conclusively deemed to be too short, but longer lengths may be determined by the administration to be inappropriate in individual cases. Dresses or skirts with slits above the level permitted for shorts and skirts shall not be permitted.
2. No baggy pants or shorts. All pants must be worn with the top around the wearer's waist and must be covering undergarments. The waist size of pants must be appropriate for the size of the wearer. No oversized or baggy clothing is allowed. No exposed undergarments allowed.

3. No tight or transparent clothing.
4. No torn jeans or other garments.
5. No sleeveless shirts which expose undergarments.
6. No tank tops, halter tops, bare midriffs or chest, see-through outfits, backless, spaghetti straps, strapless, or beachwear will be allowed.
7. No low-cut shirts or blouses.
8. Shirts that extend below the rear pocket are to be worn inside the waist of pants or skirts.
9. State law requires that shoes be worn at all times. Thongs or shoes without heel straps and steel-toed boots or shoes are inappropriate. No shoes with metal taps or noise makers will be allowed.
10. No hair nets, bandanas, or similar scarves may be worn on the head.
11. Sunglasses will not be worn inside the school building other than prescription dark glasses.
12. Articles of clothing which display gang symbols, obscenities, suggestive slogans, nudity, crime, violence, death imagery, drugs, alcohol, or which promote the use of tobacco are prohibited.
13. No article or clothing or other accessories shall be worn in a way determined by the campus

administration to advertise, promote, or be associated with gang activities. Upon the campus administration determining that a particular style of dress or accessory should be prohibited under this section, the student body on that campus shall be so advised, and thereafter anyone participating in such activity shall be in violation of this code.

14. Male students shall not be allowed to wear female attire.
15. Jewelry and accessories shall not be excessive or distracting, and shall not be worn in such a way as to promote violence, crime, gang activity, or drug, alcohol, or tobacco use. The following items are specifically prohibited, and shall not be worn or brought onto school property: metal chains, pet collars, and religious symbols which have been altered with the intent of causing offense or inciting or promoting gang activity, violence, or other prohibited behaviors.
16. On days specified by principals, designated uniforms will be treated as appropriate dress notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this code.

GROOMING

1. Hair and facial hair will be properly groomed. Distracting hairstyles and/or hair colors, as determined by the campus administration on a case-by-case basis, will not be permitted. Examples of the type of hairstyles which have been determined by the administration to be unacceptable are Mohawks, spiked hair, and the like.
2. If makeup is used, it must be discreet. Makeup shall not be worn in such a way as to be distracting, as determined by the campus administration.