

2019-2020 Elementary Student Dress Code

Point Isabel ISD Elementary Schools

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Dress Code will be strictly enforced, and disciplinary action will be taken. At the Principal's discretion, any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate will not be permitted.

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

The Derry and Garriga Elementary School Dress Code requires neat, clean, and appropriate dress for school attire. The emphasis is on health and safety, hygiene, and personal grooming that will not distract from the learning environment in the classroom. The uniform policy is a mandatory policy to which all students will be required to adhere.

Students should be groomed in such a manner that their appearance in the classroom contributes to the positive learning environment of any classroom.

Students who are out of compliance with the dress code will be placed in ISS until parents bring their child the proper attire that follows the district's dress code.

Derry and Garriga Elementary Schools have adopted a standardized dress for all students for the 2019-2020 school year. Students will need to be in compliance with the policy on the first day of school. New and/or transfer students shall have two (2) weeks from the 1st day they enroll to be in compliance with wearing the school uniforms.

Shirts

The following types of shirts will be allowed: (Color – Royal Blue, White, and Grey)

Solid color polo-style with a collar

Solid color turtleneck

Solid color knit shirt

Solid color t-shirts

Shirt logos should be no larger than 1" X 1"

Pants/Shorts

Pants, slacks, and shorts must be made of twill type of material and must be khaki or navy in color. Knit (soft/stretchy material) pants, tights, leggings, leotards, or knit shorts are not allowed unless they are worn under a dress, skirt, or shorts. No denim or jean material is allowed. No jeggings allowed. An acceptable example of a pant/short is the "Docker" style. Cargo pants with small flat pockets are allowed.

Skirts

Skirts are allowable for girls, but must be khaki or navy in color and made of a twill type material. Knit (soft/stretchy material) skirts are not allowed. No denim or jean material is allowed. Skirts may be straight, pleated, or full.

Sweater/Sweatshirts

Students are allowed to wear sweaters/sweatshirts/windbreakers as part of standardized dress.

Sweaters/sweatshirts/windbreakers are preferred not to have a sports' team logo (except "Tarpons").

Sweaters/sweatshirts/windbreakers can have a Derry or Garriga Elementary logo or slogan respective to school attended.

Jackets/Coats

Students may wear a jacket or coat to school. Jackets/coats without logos are preferred.

College Awareness Day

The 1st Monday of each month is designated as College Awareness Day and students may wear a college shirt with khaki pants. If the 1st of the month falls on a weekend, the following Monday will be the designated day.

Tarpon Pride Day

Friday will be assigned as Tarpon Pride Day at Derry and Garriga Elementary. Students may wear any solid color or style of pants including jeans with a Tarpon Spirit, royal blue or white shirt. If students do not wear this, they must wear their uniform.

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

School board policy prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may be reasonably expected to cause disruption or interference with normal school operations.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene.
2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any prohibited substance.

Students will adhere to the following standards of dress and grooming:

1. Transparent blouses, bare midriff blouses, halters, tank tops, or spaghetti strap blouses and dresses may not be worn to class. Male students shall be required to wear shirts with sleeves.

2. Shorts or skorts may be worn if:

- a. They are no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee.
- b. They are not bicycle/exercise/gym/cut off shorts; and
- c. They are not to be stretch fabric such as spandex.

3. Skirt/dress length shall be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee when the student is standing, and skirts are not to be of stretch fabric such as spandex.

4. Student's hair shall be kept or cut neatly and often, enough to ensure good grooming. Style shall not be extreme to the point of creating a distraction. Unconventional colors or hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks, spiked hair, fauxhawks, or designs) are not allowed. Students with ungroomed hair will be given 5 days to cut their hair to meet the requirement of being neat.

5. Caps/hats shall not be worn inside the school building during instructional hours except for head gear that is worn as a religious observance such as a yarmulke or a head scarf. Hats and caps may be worn during extracurricular activities in places such as the gym and outdoor activities.

6. Bandannas and gang related attire is prohibited.

7. Long and loose fitting shirts and pants shall not be allowed. Pants should fit at the waist and/or blouses/pants must cover the midriff area at all times. No jeggings. Tights, leggings, or leotards worn as pants are not allowed.

8. Worn out clothing with holes shall not be permitted.

9. Mustaches shall be kept neat and trim. Beards shall be prohibited.

10. Visible body piercing is not permitted. Earrings may be worn. Males may wear one earring or small stud. Females are allowed to wear no more than 3 earrings per ear. No articles of jewelry with obscene content or words will be allowed on any campus.

11. School uniforms are mandatory for Derry and Garriga Elementary. The campus PTO and SBDM shall recommend guidelines for the use of school uniforms and the board will approve the guidelines. If there is a bonafide religious or philosophical objection to the requirements, the Student Uniform Waiver Form must be completed by the second Tuesday in August.

12. Footwear shall be worn to school. Shoes with metal taps or noise-making devices are prohibited. Light-up shoes should be kept off. Shoes with wheels or rolling devices are prohibited. Shoes with a back or heel strap are strongly encouraged due to safety reasons. The District will not be held liable for injuries caused by platform shoes, thongs/ flip-flops or the like.

A student enrolled in a campus where the Board of Trustees has approved the uniform policy will adhere to the requirements of the Uniform Policy.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. Parents will be notified immediately to bring an acceptable change of clothing to the school.

Students who are not in compliance will be asked to contact their parents for clothes and could be subject to isolation from the student body (ISS room). Repeated offenses of the Student Dress Code may result in more serious disciplinary action. The classroom teacher and the administration will follow appropriate discipline procedures.

Extracurricular activities

1. Students shall conform to the uniform requirements established by the director or sponsor of school-related programs.

2. In school-sponsored activities, the principal and sponsor shall determine proper dress.

Students who violate those standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct.

The Superintendent shall establish a committee for the purpose of formulating and reviewing the dress code for the District at periodic intervals. The committee shall be composed of students, parents, teachers, and school administrators. The committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding the dress and personal grooming code.

Uniforms worn by student groups during the school day must comply with the dress code. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. 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 a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.