

FROM THE PISD
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT*:

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests

- Must be size appropriate, not below the hips
- Must touch the belt line with no revealing undergarments while sitting or standing
- No oversized armholes, vented t-shirts, spaghetti straps, backless attire and off the shoulder tops and no revealing, low-cut, see-thru, or too tight such as spandex/lycra (no cleavage can be exposed) and no revealing midriff

Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts, Capris

- Modest in length (at or below middle of thigh), no tattered shorts, biker shorts, or wind shorts, no clothing/shorts that are too tight or that sag

Pants, Jeans

- Appropriately sized at natural waistline and no oversized pants, jeans or shorts that sag or that are too tight and no pajama wear of any type except on campus designated days

Shoes

- Unsafe footwear not permitted (ie: house shoes, shower shoes, slippers, etc.)

Hair

- Neat, clean and well-groomed. Worn in a style and color that is not distracting. No facial hair is allowed except with physician's documentation.

Miscellaneous

- Revealing clothing of any type may not be worn
- No clothing that has been ripped, torn, or cut above the level of finger tip length on the thigh.
- No clothing may be worn with graphics, profanity, obscene patches or words that relate to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, weapons, or drug use, or anything that could be construed as provocative or offensive
- Any attire that is distracting or causes a disturbance or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group (i.e. bandanas, shoe laces, chains, t-shirts, etc.)
- No visible body piercing other than ears (including tongue piercing), no visible permanent tattoos, prescription glasses only
- No hats or caps, doo-rags, wave caps, bandanas or hoods worn indoors

Clothing Associated With Any
Unauthorized Group

In an effort to continue to make Dessau Middle school a safe place for our students, our dress code prohibits colors that are associated with unauthorized groups.

Currently the prohibited colors are red and blue. Students may not wear red or blue shirts. Any colors that later become identified as pertaining to an unauthorized group will be restricted at that time. Students who wear colors that are restricted will be required to remove the unauthorized item and leave the item(s) with an administrator (such as shoelaces or t-shirts). We will provide a uniform for clothing violations, but not shoelaces. These items will be returned on the last day of school at the parents' request.

Additional Interpretive
Authority:

The examples and guidelines listed in this pamphlet may not cover every possible instance of appropriate or inappropriate grooming or appearance. The interpretive authority as to what dress or grooming is inappropriate or disruptive or a hindrance to best learning situations, or a detriment to best discipline shall be vested in the principal, the assistant or grade level assistant principal, or any other administrative authority in the school system. For DMS, this means the assistant principals and the principal have the authority on the campus.

Dessau Middle School will not be responsible for any confiscated dress code items.

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Dessau Middle School

Dress for Success and Be a PRO!

This pamphlet is a reminder to all students and parents at Dessau Middle School that the existing dress code **will be strictly enforced.** Dessau Middle School is a **learning environment** dedicated to educating our students to succeed in higher education. To help ensure our students success towards higher education, it is our belief that they must dress for success. Please read this pamphlet and use this information when buying clothes for the school year. If you have any questions, please contact an administrator at 594-2600.

This pamphlet provides examples and a condensed version of the PISD Student Code of Conduct Dress Code. For the entire PISD Dress Code, please refer to the information provided on the first day of school and/or on the PISD website.

In order to improve communication regarding our dress code, we have developed this pamphlet. If your child comes to school wearing inappropriate clothing, he/she will be given one opportunity to call home for a change of clothes. If a parent does not arrive at a reasonable time (10-15 minutes) or cannot be reached, the student will be issued a uniform to wear. This uniform must be returned to the office by the end of the day. If the uniform is damaged while in the possession of the student, the student will be responsible for paying for the uniform.

If the student refuses to change into the uniform (or his/her P.E. clothes), the student will be sent to ISS or suspended from school. If the student is a repeat offender of the dress code, he/she will be subject to further disciplinary action. It is imperative that our students not miss class for dress code reasons.

Below are just a few examples of the most common dress code violations at DMS. Students often comply with the PISD Dress Code after being corrected by a parent and/or the school. The following items are inappropriate for school:

Pants: oversized pants and shorts are prohibited.

-undergarments should not be visible.
-your belt loops may be **zip-tied** to keep your pants at your waist.

Bare midriffs: No bare midriffs while standing, no bare backs while sitting, tops must meet bottoms at all times without pulling. Do not pair low-rise bottoms with tops that barely meet your waist.



Skirts: must be decent and modest. The appropriate length is THIGH LENGTH. At a minimum, skirts must be longer than the student's middle finger.



No Yes!



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All shirts: No low neckline which may expose cleavage. Oversized shirts/blouses are prohibited.

Straps: Tank-top straps must be at least four finger widths wide at the shoulder.

Strapless tops: No bare shoulders or bare backs.



Unsafe foot wear: Shower shoes, house shoes, flip flops.



Jewelry: wide leather jewelry with or w/out spikes, chains, etc. which could be used as a weapon may not be worn.



Backpacks: Backpacks can be of any style as long as they do not have inappropriate graphics, profanity, obscene patches or words that relate to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, weapons, or drug use, or anything that could be construed as provocative or offensive or related to an unauthorized group.

***Please see the condensed PISD Dress Code policy on the back of this pamphlet for additional prohibited items. For a complete PISD Dress Code policy, please refer to the PISD Website or the PISD Student Information newspaper provided to each student at the beginning of the year.**