

Bay City Independent School District
Student Dress Guidelines – Updated 5/23/19

The goal of the Bay City Independent School District is to maintain a focus on the educational process and ensure the reduction of distractions and disruptions to the learning environment through appropriate dress and grooming, as well as to provide parents and students with a low-cost option for school clothing. Proper attire gives evidence of personal pride and respect, and promotes a positive, safe school climate, as well as enhanced self-image for students. Exceptions to these rules may be left to the discretion of the school principal in any specific situations or circumstances.

Identification Badges

- Students in grades 3-12 are required to wear a student identification badge.
- Students must not draw on or distort the picture or other information on the badge.

Tops -- All Campuses, Elementary & Secondary

- Any solid-colored polo, oxford-style shirt or dress shirt (button up shirt) may be worn on any day of the week. May have small logo in the pocket area, not to exceed 3” in height or width. Polo-style dresses are also acceptable in any solid-color as well.
- Spirit Shirts any day of the week are allowed. These are shirts with sleeves.
- Spirit Shirts include: BCISD school/campus shirts, BCISD school organization shirts, Blackcat shirts, College shirts, U.S. Military shirts.
- Students will be encouraged but not required to tuck in shirts.
- Crop-tops and bare midriffs are not permitted.
- All shirts must have sleeves and be appropriately sized. Oversized shirts are not permitted.

Bottoms -- All Campuses, Elementary & Secondary

- Pants, jeans, capri pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers must be khaki, navy blue or black casual slacks. Blue jeans may be worn if they are blue, khaki or black.
- Bottoms must be appropriately-sized for the student and fit at the waist.
- Belts are encouraged, but not required, unless a belt is needed to ensure the bottom fits at the waist appropriately.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers and dresses shall be no shorter than fingertip length; slits in skirts shall not be higher than three inches above the knee.
- Athletic-style shorts, sweats, joggers, wind suits etc are not permitted outside of P.E. or athletics.
- Tights, leotard spandex, mesh, leggings, “jeggings” and yoga pants are not permitted. Exception: Tights may be worn under skirts, skorts, jumpers, dresses or shorts, and must be a solid color, free of patterns.
- Pants with oversized pockets (cargo pants and cargo shorts) are not permitted.

Shoes – All Campuses, Elementary & Secondary

- Students must wear shoes that are appropriate for school. Unacceptable shoe styles include flip-flops, cleats, sneaker skates, and open-back shoes. Sandals are allowed with a back strap.
- To ensure safe participation in physical education & athletic activities, students must wear shoes that enclose the foot. Acceptable styles include leather-like or canvas lace-up loafers or tennis shoes.

Elementary campuses

Outerwear –

- Pullover sweatshirts, sweaters and sweater vests in any solid color are allowed. They must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length – no oversized clothing. Logos are allowed in pocket area, and are not to exceed 3” in height & width. When pullover clothing, jackets and coats are worn, they must be worn over an approved school shirt (see “Tops” section). Exception: pullover sweatshirts that promote school spirit (i.e. Blackcat spirit), colleges or the U.S. Military may be worn over spirit shirts on spirit shirt days.
- Jackets and coats may not exceed knee length. Approved “tops” must be worn under all jackets and coats (see “Tops” section above for info on “tops”.) There are no color restrictions on jackets and coats, but they must not contain any inappropriate or offensive graphics, wording, etc.

Secondary campuses (Junior High & High School)

Outerwear –

- No clothing of any kind with a hood is allowed.
- Pullover sweatshirts, sweaters and sweater vests in any solid color are allowed. They must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length – no oversized clothing. Logos are allowed in pocket area, and are not to exceed 3” in height & width. When pullover clothing, jackets and coats are worn, they must be worn over an approved school shirt (see “Tops” section). Exception: pullover sweatshirts that promote school spirit (i.e. Blackcat spirit), colleges or the U.S. Military may be worn over spirit shirts on spirit shirt days.
- Letterman jackets (athletics, FFA, etc.) are permitted for grades 9-12.
- Jackets and coats are not to be worn inside classroom spaces. Exceptions may be made by individual teachers (i.e. heater is not working properly in a classroom, etc). A jacket or coat is generally defined as a garment that buttons or zips up the front.
- Jackets and coats may not exceed knee length. Approved “tops” must be worn under all jackets and coats (see “Tops” section above for info on “tops”.) There are no color restrictions on jackets and coats, but they must not contain any inappropriate or offensive graphics, wording, etc.

Additional Notes about Attire – Elementary & Secondary campuses

- All clothing must be appropriately sized. Clothing may not be oversized, baggy style, form-fitting or revealing. All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or cuffed.
- No ripped, torn, cut, frayed or clothing with holes.
- See-through material is not acceptable in any clothing.
- No head coverings are permitted. Exceptions will be made for religious and/or medical reasons.
- Students must wear appropriate undergarments

The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal’s judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. (FNCA Local)