

BAY CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES

The goal of 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 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

- Shirts shall be a solid color collared shirt (polo shirt) or solid color oxford-style or dress shirt. Colors are blue, black, gold, white, pink or gray.
- Tops may have a small logo on the pocket area, not to exceed 3 inches in height or width.
- Students may wear campus spirit shirts or campus organization shirts on Mondays, college or U.S. military branch shirts on Wednesdays, and Bay City spirit shirts on Fridays.
- 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

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

Outerwear

- Sweatshirts, sweaters, and sweater vests must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length, and must be worn over an approved school shirt (see "Tops" section).
- Letterman jackets (athletics, FFA, etc.) are permitted for grades 9-12.
- Hoodies will be allowed in any approved color, Bay City spirit, or college or U.S. military affiliation. Logos should not exceed 3 inches in height or width except in cases of Bay City spirit, or college or U.S. military.
- Coats may not exceed knee length.

Shoes

- 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 activities, students must wear shoes that enclose the foot. Acceptable styles include leather-like or canvas lace-up, loafers, or tennis shoes.

Additional Notes About Attire

- 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 rips, tears, cuts or frays).
- See-through material is not acceptable in any clothing.
- No head coverings of any kind are permitted.
- Students must wear appropriate undergarments.