

Merriman Park Elementary

Dress Code

Personal dress for the school setting should reflect good grooming standards of cleanliness and neatness which do not disrupt, interfere with, or distract from school activities. Dress and grooming shall not create a health hazard to the student's safety or others (RISD policy). Adherence to the following guidelines will contribute to the maintenance of good grooming standards and an atmosphere of focus on educational attainment.

Wear shoes at all times (health requirement). Tennis shoes with laces must be tied at all times. Cleats, flip-flops, pool shoes, shoes with only straps through the toes, high heels, and shoes with "wheels" are prohibited.

Halter tops, low cut tops, bare midriffs, bikini tops, "fishnet" shirts, see-through tops, tube tops, baggy, "sagging" or oversized clothing, etc. are not allowed. Overalls must have both straps fastened.

If a t-shirt is longer than finger tip length, it must be tucked in. All shirts and blouses should be free of any words, slogans, pictures or drawings which advertise or depict alcohol, drugs, violence, death, sex, satanic symbols, vulgarity, or provocative situations.

Spaghetti straps on shirts will not be permitted. Any straps on the shirts should measure 2 inches (roughly the width of 3 adult fingers.) wide. Sleeveless shirts worn by girls must not show undergarment. No tight or revealing clothes are permitted.

Any type of basketball jersey, tank top, or sweater vest must be worn with a t-shirt under it.

Pants, skirts, and shorts will be worn at waist level at all times.

Wearing shorts during hot weather is acceptable. Shorts, skirts and dresses shall be no more than three inches above the crease in the back of your knee.

Only earrings worn in the ears will be allowed. They must not be distracting in the classroom setting and no other pierced body parts will be allowed to be displayed.

No hats, caps, bandanas, hoods, or sunglasses may be worn in the building except for religious purposes or special school occasions.

No rags of any type may be displayed.

Unusual hair styles, make-up, or jewelry that might interfere with learning are discouraged. Hair color must be in the natural color range.

Backpacks are to be kept in their lockers or appropriate place for storage during the day. Students may not wear their backpacks during the day in the building to and from class, unless they are arriving or leaving for the day.

Electronic devices will not be permitted at school during the school day. Wearing of apparel which might cause disruptions or interruptions among students or staff will not be allowed. The principal, counselor, and/or teacher will inform the student if this situation exists. If a student's dress or grooming is considered inappropriate:

The first offense will result in a conference with the student, a phone call to parents, and a copy of the dress code to be signed by the parent(s).

Any following offenses will result in a call home for a change of clothes. Parents will be asked to come to the school for a conference. The student may serve a detention or other consequences deemed appropriate by the principal/assistant principal.