

# Leggett ISD Student Handbook

## **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)** *Pages 46-48 in the Leggett ISD Student Handbook*

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following guidelines.

Using the following guidelines, school administrators have the final decision in determining and enforcing acceptable student dress and grooming standards. **The administration has the authority to rule on situations not addressed in the dress code.** The guidelines will be reviewed periodically to ensure that they continue to address current fashion trends and the standards of the community and the district. Extra-curricular activities may require additional dress code standards.

**Blouses/Shirts:** Sleeveless shirts of any kind, including off the shoulder, mesh or lace shirts (see-through), backless apparel, shirts showing midriff (when arms are raised may not expose skin), shirts that show cleavage, or shirts that have had the hem removed are not allowed. Vest style tops must have a shirt underneath. T-shirts with suggestive images or wording is not allowed.

**Jumpers/Dresses/Skirts/Shorts:** Jumpers, dresses, skirts, and shorts are acceptable if they meet the length requirement, with the exception of school approved uniforms. The bottom of the cuff must be knee length. Shorts must be hemmed. Shorts must be loose fitting and any holes, rips or tears above the knee must be patched from within. Wind shorts are permitted as long as they meet the length requirement and are not see-through. Bike shorts and leggings are not permitted unless they are under other shorts or dresses that meet the length requirements.

**Pants:** No sagging or oversized pants allowed. If pants are loose, a belt must be worn to ensure that the pants will not droop. Pants may not drag the ground. Pants must be hemmed; fringe or cut-off types must also have a hem. Holes, rips, and tears must be below the knee and anything above the knee must be patched from the inside. Leggings may not be worn in place of pants.  
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**Hair:** Extreme hairstyles, Mohawks, spiked or shaven design type cuts are inappropriate for school and will not be allowed. Hair length for male students shall not extend below the collar. Hair must be well groomed. Braids and ponytails are permitted, but must follow hair length policy. School administrators have the final decision in determining and enforcing acceptable student grooming standards. Students may not have cuts or notches in their eyebrows. Facial hair on male High School students is permitted.

**Sunglasses/Hats/Contacts/Jewelry/Body Art:** Sunglasses, designer/novelty contact lenses (unless prescribed by a doctor), hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, headbands, beads, or other head coverings are not permitted. Hats/caps will not be permitted on campus. Dog chains of any form, such as wallet safeguards, belts, chokers are not allowed. Any item worn as an accessory, including safety pins and items with spikes, or any other item that poses a safety hazard may

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not be worn. Students will not be permitted to wear cosmetic orthodontic devices (grills). These rules apply to extracurricular and school sponsored activities also.

**General Guidelines:** Any gang affiliated clothing, symbols, pictures, or other paraphernalia will not be permitted. Students are prohibited from wearing clothing, body art or jewelry with visual, written, or implied messages that are deemed offensive, inappropriate or distracting by administration. Examples include but are not limited to: drug, alcohol, gang related graffiti, weapons, violence, vulgar or obscene language, and/or insults to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity. An American flag, the Confederate flag, or any state or country flag or facsimile thereof may not be attached on a garment /jewelry/item in a disrespectful manner. Any garments with straps, buckles, buttons or snaps must be fastened at all times. No student will be allowed to wear trench coats on campus. \*Earbuds and headphones are not permitted during transitional times during the school day.

**Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times.** Styles of shoes should not compromise the safety of the student. No wheels, long spikes, or hidden compartments are permitted. No house shoes. High School students who come to school wearing clothing that violates the dress and grooming standards, will be placed in in-school suspension for the remainder of that school day.

**The principal shall determine if any item, not covered by this dress code, is disruptive to the learning environment or creates a safety concern, or is not school appropriate.**

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.

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 and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

If an item is questionable, check with the office before wearing.

**Students participating in school related activities might have a more restrictive dress or grooming code imposed. With the approval of the principal and the superintendent, sponsors, coaches, or other persons in charge of extracurricular activities may regulate the dress and grooming of participating students.**