

## Gonzales ISD Student Handbook

### Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes 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:

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.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, and obscene, that advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under school policy. It prohibits any dress or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to interfere with normal school operations.

The dress code applies any time a student is on campus during a normal school day and any time a student is involved in an event or extra-curricular activity that represents Gonzales ISD. Co-curricular and extra-curricular uniforms will be specified by the sponsors of organizations and approved to meet GISD Standard of Excellency by the campus principal.

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- Head
  - Any head coverings, including but not limited to hats and hoodies, are not to be worn on your head.
  - Hair must be clean and well groomed.
  - Hair should be worn where the face is identifiable.
  - Any hairstyle, which by its appearance causes a disruption of any kind, as determined by a school administrator, is unacceptable.
- Face
  - Facial Piercings (studs only)
  - No gauges or rods allowed
  - Earrings are permitted in the lower lobe only.
  - Boys will be clean shaven and sideburns will not extend beyond the earlobe.
- Clothing
  - Clothing such as muscle shirts, halter-tops, cropped shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, cut-offs and clothing that shows a bare midriff or cleavage should not be worn.
  - Pants should be worn at the waist and in a manner that covers undergarments.
  - Shorts, dresses, skirts, must be mid-thigh in length, and appropriate for school setting.
  - Any rips, frays or holes in pants must not be above the mid-thigh.
  - Biker shorts, pajama pants, boxer or spandex shorts are not allowed.
  - If tights/leggings/yoga pants are worn then the shirt must be mid-thigh in length.
  - All clothing that shows undergarments is unacceptable, including clothing with conspicuously low necklines and/or low backs.
  - Wind shorts, nylon, athletic, or wind pants are acceptable grades PK – 5 only.

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- PK-12 Gonzales Apache spirit shirts, brand name t-shirts, athletic shirts, appropriate college shirts, and school organization shirts may be worn.
- PK-5 students may wear t-shirts and shirts that depict caricatures (examples: Winnie the Pooh, Cinderella, clowns, balloons, flowers, etc.); however, shirts may not depict inappropriate caricatures (dragons, snakes, swords, etc).
- Students may wear CYFL Apache jerseys and cheerleader uniforms on Fridays during football season.
- Additional dress code guidelines are required by D.A.E.P. , PACE and the Athletic programs. They may be obtained from the campus principal.
- **Footwear**
  - House shoes, slides, flip flops, or shower shoes (beach type) will not be allowed.
  - Footwear that has toes and/or soles reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is prohibited.
  - Cleats may not be worn in any school building. Shoes with built-in skates or wheels (healies) are not permitted in any building unless wheels have been removed.
  - Bare feet and metal taps are not acceptable.
- **Accessories**
  - No student on school property or at any school activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbols, tattoos, sign or other things, which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang.
  - Students shall not be permitted to wear hats, caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, or other disrupting apparel in any building on campus during school hours.
  - The school, advisor, or sponsor of any specific activity or function may impose additional guidelines.
  - Students may not wear earbuds during passing periods.
  - Visible tattoos and similar body painting(s) that promote violence or reflect gang activity should be covered which includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory, alcoholic beverages, profanity, sex, tobacco, drugs, gangs, guns and other weapons, excessively violent or gory imagery, and the promotion of violence and death.

Any other attire that disrupts the educational process as determined by a school administrator is prohibited. Students may wear Apache jerseys and cheerleader/drill team uniforms on Fridays during football season.

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### **Electronic Devices and Technology Resources (All Grade Levels)**

#### **Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Cell Phones, and Other Electronic Devices**

The district permits students to possess personal cell phones for safety purposes; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. [For graphing calculator