

## **Alto ISD Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels) 2022-2023**

### **\*\*\*STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS\*\*\***

The Alto Independent School District has adopted a standard dress code for all students, grades Pre-K through 12. This code is established to teach proper grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption, and to minimize safety hazards. Students are to be dressed and groomed at all times in a manner that is clean, neat, and tailored to fit. Alto I.S.D. prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in an administrator's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption, or interfere with normal school or classroom operations. If a staff member determines that a student's grooming violates codes outlined below, the student will be sent to the principal's office for correction to include: Correction; Changing; Detention; Loss of Extracurricular Event Participation and/or Attendance Privileges; I.S.S.; and/or Suspension (for repeat offenses). Parent conferences will be required for habitual offenders. Students who violate the dress code also choose to take responsibility and consequences for their actions.

Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards provided that he/she complies with the following:

#### **SHIRTS AND BLOUSES:**

1. Shirts or tops must be sized to fit. Shirts or tops may be short or long sleeve. No sheer material.
2. Students must wear shirts tucked in if the shirt extends below the end of the fingertips when standing.
3. Shirts must be one the following styles: button down, polo, t-shirt, or blouse.
4. No exposed midriffs or cleavage.
5. Shirts must cover the shoulder with a minimum of 3" or wider material. No spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, halter tops, or backless shirts will be allowed.
6. Undergarments should never be visible.

#### **SWEATSHIRTS, VESTS, SWEATERS AND HOODIES**

1. Must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length.
2. Hoods are never allowed to be worn inside the building.

#### **OUTERWEAR**

1. Coats and jackets must fit and not be excessively long
2. Blankets cannot be worn as outerwear.
3. No wearing of caps, hats, hoods, stocking caps, skull caps, bonnets, and sweat bands.

#### **PANTS, SHORTS AND CAPRIS**

##### **Grades 5-12**

1. Holes or frays are not allowed on any pants/jeans (frays at hems are acceptable).
2. Must be worn at the waistline.

3. No form-fitting sweat pants, wind pants, or athletic shorts will be allowed. (i.e. wind shorts or basketball shorts)
4. No leggings will be allowed.
5. Shorts may not be shorter than 4" of the top of the knee.
6. No clothing that is excessively tight.

#### **Grades PK-4**

1. Holes or frays are not allowed on any pants/jeans (frays at hems are acceptable).
2. Leggings are allowed as long as the shirts are within 4" of the top of the knee.
3. Shorts may not be shorter than 4" of the top of the knee.
4. No clothing that is excessively tight.

#### **SKORTS, SKIRTS, JUMPERS, AND DRESSES**

1. Worn at waistline
2. Shorts, dresses, or skirt length may not be shorter than 4" of the top of the knee.
3. No clothing that is excessively tight.
4. No clothing with holes, shredded, or frayed areas.

#### **FOOTWEAR**

1. Tennis shoes, western boots, loafers, sandals, flats, brown or black leather like shoes and boots are permitted.
2. Shoes must be a matching pair and worn appropriately.
3. No combat boots, shoes with wheels, flip flops, sliders, cleats, house shoes, moccasins, steel toed boots, or slippers
4. At the elementary level, shoes may not have a heel that exceeds one inch in height.
5. For middle school and high school students, heels may not exceed 3" inches in height.
6. For Grades PK-6, students must bring gym appropriate tennis shoes.
7. All students Grades 7 - 12 who are in an athletics or physical education class must bring gym appropriate tennis shoes.

#### **BELTS**

1. Belts are appropriate in any style or color
2. Belts must be worn with belt-loops and must be visible and have no excess.
3. No pants, skirts, and shorts worn below or above the natural waistline. No (baggy, big bottom type), sagging pants or shorts. Material will be provided to hold pants or shorts at natural waistlines.

#### **ACCESSORIES / OTHER**

1. No facial, mouth or body piercing of any type is allowed except for ears. Items may not be covered with a band-aid. Prohibited items including items such as nose rings, eyebrow rings, tongue rings, lip rings, gauges, placers, bars, nose or facial studs.
2. No facial tattoos are permitted.
3. Excessive jewelry is not allowed. (i.e. grills on teeth, spiked jewelry, multiple rings/bracelets)

4. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
5. Bandanas (as a hair cover, headband, scarf, or pocket display) are not to be worn or exhibited by any student at any time.
6. Students with offensive body odor (including excessive perfume, cologne, and/or body spray) and/or clothing odor will be counseled and sent home to wash and/or change.
7. Hats or caps cannot be worn unless on a designated "spirit day."

## **HAIR**

1. Hair is to be neatly combed, brushed, and out of the eyes at all times.
2. No mohawks, numbers, letters, lines, or symbols may be cut into the hair or eyebrows.
3. Hair must be of a natural tone.
4. Facial hair (mustaches, beards, goatees, etc.) will be allowed as long as it is kept neatly trimmed – sideburns must not exceed the bottom of the earlobe.
5. Combs and picks may not be worn in the hair. These items will be confiscated by the principal.

## **FACIAL COVERINGS / MASKS**

1. Shall only cover the nose and mouth. Must not cover the forehead or eyes
2. No style shall have items with pictures, emblems, and/or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or racial in origin or clothing that exhibits connotations that allude to the aforementioned.
3. No style should advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any substance prohibited by policy.
4. No style should be construed as gang related
5. Logos are restricted to manufacturer's professional embroidered logos or AISD spirit emblem (see campus principal for additional guidance)
6. The facial covering and/or masks must not be made of sheer material.

## **DISTRICT PROHIBITS:**

1. Lewd, vulgar, obscene, or suggestive depictions of sex, violence, drugs or drug related items, alcohol or alcohol related items, tobacco, profanity, death, satanic themes, nudity, hate slogans or pictures, swastikas, pentagrams, or gang related / affiliated materials (described as, but not limited to: dress / ornaments as deemed inappropriate by school administrators) shall not be worn at any time.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO THE DRESS CODE**

On established "Special" days, students may be allowed to abide by a "relaxed" code. These would include "Costume" or "Dress-Up" Days during Homecoming Week; and/or established campus "Fun" days at the campus levels. These decisions are at the discretion of the campus principal or designated administrator.

Homecoming, prom and/or banquet dress will be allowed (within good taste) to include: Evening Dresses for girls and formal attire for boys at the prom; Sun dresses for girls at Spring Banquets; and/or established campus "Special" events; Homecoming Court attire must be of school colors (black, gold, white or silver). These decisions are at the discretion of the campus principal or designated administrator.

At the discretion of the campus principal, students may be allowed to wear appropriate attire for special activities (i.e. on field trips, activities at swimming pools or water parks, etc.) so long as the attire is not determined to be obscene, disruptive, or controversial.

### **“THE FINAL SAY”**

Administrators, teachers, coaches, and/or sponsors have the authority to remove any student from any class, event, or activity at any time if they determine the student’s attire or grooming is inappropriate and/or out of code compliance. Students removed from an activity may also be subject to further disciplinary actions.

If a student violates the dress code, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action. The student will have to correct the violation immediately. If the student refuses or is unable to make the correction, they may be placed in ISS or sent home. If they are sent home, they will receive an unexcused absence.

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of any extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

THE PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR HAS THE “FINAL SAY” IN ALL DRESS, HAIR, AND GROOMING CODE APPROPRIATENESS MATTERS.