

McCord Elementary Dress Code

The Vernon Public Schools recognize that parents should accept responsibility (or developing appropriate standard of dress and grooming for their children. School personnel; however, share that responsibility because a student's behavior and achievement may be influenced by dress and grooming habits. It is acknowledged also that schools share a responsibility for developing dress and grooming habits that will contribute to a student's success when he/she leaves school. The administration shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether or not it is appropriate for school wear.

Student's dress and grooming will be considered acceptable if it does not violate any of the following principles:

- Clothing worn is not to be suggestive or indecent
- Clothing and general appearance is not to be the type that would interfere with the instructional program
- Clothing and general appearance shall not constitute a health or safety hazard
- Certain types of student dress are considered inappropriate, these include:
 - Halter tops, backless tops or dresses and mini skirts
 - Spaghetti strap tops or dresses (without a T-shirt underneath).
 - Tube tops and/or tank tops (without a T -shirt underneath).
 - Midriff tops or shirts tied in knots in the front
- Clothing with inappropriate designs or slogans such as marijuana emblems or any drug emblem, tobacco emblems, alcohol emblems, sexual innuendos, or depicting violence.
- Hats, caps, sweatband or bandannas
- Excessive baggy or large pants, worn low on the hips are NOT allowed. Students who are repeatedly corrected for this offense will be asked to wear their shirt tucked inside.
- Absolutely no chains of any kind allowed on billfolds, checkbooks, belts or pants.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in school, unless medically prescribed.
- The trunk of the body may not be exposed.
- Undergarments must be worn and must not be revealed.
- No body piercing jewelry can be worn (eyebrow ring, nose stud, navel ring, tongue ring, etc) other than earrings. Boys may wear only one stud type earring per ear.
- Belts must be buckled with any excess length inserted into pant belt loops and NOT allowed to hang from the waist.
- Clothing that is torn or has holes in it, which may be suggestive or unattractive.
- Flip-flops shoes may not be worn because of safety reasons during "PE: sandals with a back strap may be worn.

Certain types of student dress are considered appropriate at Vernon ISD. These include:

- All students must wear shoes.
- Hair must be clean and well groomed
- Girls should be aware of the fact that extremely short dresses and shorts may be disruptive or distracting. They are encouraged to wear dresses/skirts/shorts, which are relatively conservative in length. Because of the flexibility of the dress code, it is hoped that the young ladies and their parents and/or guardians will dictate the necessary length.
- Shirts shall be buttoned appropriately, and belts shall be buckled.
- Any violation of this dress code shall be determined by the administration.