

## Cloughton Middle School - Standardized Dress Policy for Students

Cloughton Middle School's philosophy is to maintain focus on the educational process and to ensure the safety of all students by the reduction of distractions and disruptions to the learning environment by developing an effective standardized dress policy. Campus administrators have final authority on decision making regarding questionable dress.

### Short or Long Sleeved Polo-Type Shirts ONLY:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – Solid Gray Polo Shirts Only
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – Solid Navy Blue Polo Shirts Only
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – Solid Maroon Polo Shirts Only
- Polo shirts may not be sheer or see-through (undergarments should not be visible). Shirts must be worn modestly; cleavage may not be exposed.
- Polo shirts may not be altered, cut, colored, written-on, rolled up or tied in any manner other than the original design of the shirt.
- Oversized, larger than normal for a particular body size, polo shirts are not permitted.
- PE uniform shirts are not to be worn outside the PE area.
- Turtleneck/Mock Turtleneck shirts must adhere to grade level colors and not be tight or form fitting. Must be worn over the grade level colored polo shirt in which the collar of the colored shirt must be visible.

### T-Shirts:

- Cloughton SPRIT SHIRTS may be worn on Fridays only.
- University T-shirts are allowed on DESIGNATED Friday's only as determined and announced by the campus/district administration.

### Sweater/Sweatshirt/Zip Up Jackets/Coats:

- Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Jackets/Coats must be **SOLID AND PLAIN WITH NO DESIGN AND/OR LARGE LETTERING**. Any solid color is appropriate. However, school sponsored items will be available in grade level colors.
- HOODIES MAY NOT BE WORN AT ANY TIME WHILE INSIDE THE BUILDING.
- Cannot hang past straddle of pants (not baggy or bulky).
- Must be worn over the grade level colored polo shirt in which the collar of the colored shirt must be visible.
- May have a round or v-neck, or may be a button-front cardigan style.
- Jackets/coats with a zipper must have a zipper that goes all the way from top to bottom. However, students must wear the jacket/coat with the zipper open and completely unzipped while on campus.
- **Clothing with visual or written messages likely to disrupt the school environment is prohibited. Examples of such prohibited visual or written messages include, but are not limited to, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, violence, vulgar or obscene language, and insults to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.**

### Bottoms

- ONLY KHAKI COLORED PANTS OR SHORTS TO OR PAST THE KNEE ARE ALLOWED MONDAY – THURSDAY.
- ONLY DARK BLUE DENIM JEANS OR SHORTS TO OR PAST THE KNEE ARE ALLOWED ONLY ON FRIDAYS.
- Must be worn no lower than 1 ½ inches below the naval; logos or graphics are not permitted; waist cannot be more than 2 inches larger than actual waist size.
- Pants must be a dress type of twill (Slacks/Trousers/Capris).
- Baggy, undersized, skin tight, bottoms with rivets, cut off, and frayed bottoms are not permitted.
- Rips or holes in jeans/pants/shorts are NOT permitted. Even if no skin is showing, bottoms that are ripped and/or have holes are NOT permitted.

- Pants must be straight-legged (no bell or flared bottoms), hemmed, and cannot drag on floor.
- Form fitting spandex material, nylon, corduroy, sweat pants, jeggings, joggers (pants with drawstrings, no buttons, zippers, or fly), and leggings of khaki color are not permitted.
- Shorts must be to or past the knee.
- Dresses and skirts of any kind are not permitted.

### **Belts**

- STUDENTS MUST WEAR A BELT WITH ALL PANTS THAT HAVE BELTLOOPS.
- Distracting graphics or labels on belts or buckles are not permitted.
- Belts must be an appropriate length and not hang below the straddle.
- Suspenders, wallet chains, and belt chains are not permitted.

### **Backpacks**

- ONLY CLEAR OR MESH BACKPACKS OR SLING BACKPACKS ARE ALLOWED.
- Gym or athletic type bags are not to be used as backpacks.
- Purses or various bags are not permitted to be used as backpacks to store books, binders, spirals, etc.
- Large or bulky purses that could store more than the necessities needed for school are not permitted.
- Tote bags are not permitted.

### **Shoes**

- Shoes with wheels or rollers are not permitted. And, shoes with heels higher than 2” are not permitted.
- Shoelaces must be white, black, or brown.
- Bedroom slippers, flip flop shoes, beach shoes, slides, steel toe boots, Nike Cortez shoes, and/or house shoes are not permitted.
- Sandals must have a strap across the back of the heel.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Body piercings or tattoos of any kind cannot be exposed.
- Headgear such as, but not limited to, hats, sunglasses, bandanas, hoods, pajamas, bathrobes, doo-rags, scarves, satin sleep caps, headbands that resemble bandanas, and sweatbands are not permitted and should not be brought to school.
- Blankets and stuffed animals are not permitted and should not be brought to school.
- All students should wear their natural hair color. Extreme hair colors, such as, purple, blue, bright red, neon colors, or other unnatural hair colors are not permitted.
- Distracting hairstyles on boys or girls is not permitted.

Any item worn to school must not undermine the integrity of the standardized dress policy, serve as a disruption to the educational environment or present a health or safety hazard to any individual.

Students who fail to adhere to the standardized dress policy will be asked to correct the infraction. If the student cannot correct the infraction, then a parent/guardian will be called to bring appropriate clothing. If a parent/guardian is not available or unable to bring appropriate clothing, the student will be sent to in-school suspension. Repeat offenders will be assigned consequences at the discretion of the building administrators.

Per Spring ISD district policy, new students will have a grace period of one week to be in compliance with the required standardized dress.