



Dress Code

Oak Ridge High School respects students' rights to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Oak Ridge High School are also expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a 9-12 educational environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and the adults that supervise them. This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents.

Any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interfere with normal school operations is prohibited. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out in Conroe ISD policy and the campus dress code for students (listed below). Since it is difficult to predict in advance what the problem dress will be, guidelines will be interpreted to the students as needed, either on a group or individual basis.

To be able to ride school transportation, a student must be in dress code. The dress code regulations are in effect from the first day of school through the last day of school.

Guidelines for dress code include:

- Clothing must cover areas and undergarments from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately the middle of the thigh.
- Tops must have shoulder straps and cover the stomach such that the belly button cannot be seen.
- Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the middle of the thigh.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn).
- See-through or mesh garments may not be worn without appropriate undergarments that provide coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
- Headwear including hats, hoodies, bandanas, head scarves, skull caps, do-rags, beanies, hair bonnets, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reasons approved by school administration.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.
- Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
- Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification. Examples: swastikas, the confederate flag, othala rune, etc.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
- Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
- Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

The administration of Oak Ridge High School reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be notified when there is a dress code violation.