

Runge ISD Student Dress Code 2025-2026

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Clothing should be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive, indecent, or lewd.
2. The District prohibits pictures, symbols (i.e. gothic) emblems, or writing on clothing that:
 - a. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or degrading.
 - b. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance.
 - c. Refers to satanic, cult, or gang activities.
 - d. Any apparel, apparel accessories, other articles, or hairstyles that have been identified by a Gang Task Force or Law Enforcement Agency as gang-related will be prohibited.
3. The general appearance of the student and his clothing should not constitute a health or safety hazard nor interfere with the instructional program.
4. Cleanliness of body and clothing is expected of all students.
5. No clothing with hoods is permitted during the instructional day.
6. Clothing should be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that will promote proper decorum in school.
7. Dress or skirt length shall preclude indecent exposure when the student is sitting or standing, or when performing other everyday activities. Skirts or dresses must not be shorter than mid-thigh. All students' shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Leg slits in dresses must also not come any higher than mid-thigh. Dresses must not have a shoulder strap narrower than two inches. Strapless dresses must be covered.
 - a. Backless dresses (lower than mid-back/shoulder blades), midriff outfits, halter-tops, and low-cut front dresses or shirts are not permitted.
 - b. Undergarments may not be visible at any time.
 - c. Cut-offs, wind shorts, and bicycle shorts are not permitted.
 - d. Special occasion wear (prom, homecoming, banquets, etc.) will be approved by the principal.
8. Appropriate undergarments shall be worn at all times and shall not be exposed.
9. The neck opening of any type of shirt may not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar button of a dress shirt. Oversized t-shirts will be tucked in. Tank tops, low-cut tops, or sleeveless shirts are not permitted. No see-through material shall be worn.
10. Footwear must be worn at all times. Bathroom or house shoe-type of footwear is not acceptable.
11. Hair shall be clean and well-groomed.
12. No geometric designs or unusual patterns shaved or cut in the hair or eyebrows will be permitted.
13. Unusual or unnatural color variations in hair will not be permitted.
14. Mustaches, beards, and goatees are not permitted.
15. Bandanas shall not be permitted.
16. Non-prescription sunglasses are not permitted in the building.
17. No student shall have piercings and/or jewelry visible on their nose, lips, chin, eyebrows, tongue, or anywhere else on their face.
18. Tattoos, icons, and any other markings on the body that cannot be removed shall be covered at all times in an unobtrusive manner that is not disruptive to the educational process. This includes, but is not limited to, tattoos, drawings and/or other markings on the body or cut into the hair. A student with such markings on their body who wishes to participate in extracurricular activities shall ensure that the markings are covered by the standard uniform for the activity and comply with the guidelines set forth.

19. Sagging pants are not acceptable and are not permitted. Pants must be fitted at the waist and worn above the hips at the waist. Baggy, oversized or pajama pants are not permitted unless authorized by the principal. Pants with holes should not show a student's undergarment through the hole and are not allowed above midthigh. Leggings, jeggings or compression pants (ex-workout pants/yoga pants) are not allowed.
20. Shirt length that is designed to extend well below the waist line outside of the pants for the purpose of hiding sagging pants is not permitted.
21. Contact lenses that depict shapes, designs or abnormal colors will not be permitted.
22. Skate shoes are not allowed.
23. Caps, toboggans, and hoods are not to be worn inside the school buildings, unless it has been approved by the principal. Caps or hats can be worn to school activities, outdoors or in the gym if the bill is worn facing the front.
24. The principal, in connection with the sponsor, coach or other person in charge of extracurricular activities may regulate the dress and the grooming of students who participate in the activity.
25. 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. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Runge ISD Extracurricular Dress Code

1. Follow the dress code of Runge ISD unless otherwise noted below.
2. Boy's hair length shall not be longer than the top of a collar while the student is standing in an upright position. Hair length should not exceed past the eyes.
3. Ponytails, rat-tails, man-buns and braids are not permitted for boys.
4. Sideburns should not extend below the lobe of the ear.
5. Male students shall not wear earrings, ear studs, facial makeup, or fingernail polish. No student shall wear nose piercings or any body-piercing instrument.

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.