

Runge Independent School District

Student Dress Code

2026–2027 School Year

Purpose

The purpose of the Runge ISD Student Dress Code is to promote a safe, orderly, respectful, and academically focused learning environment. Student dress and grooming should support the educational mission while allowing reasonable personal expression. Parents and students share responsibility for appropriate attire. The Superintendent, Campus Principal, or designee may determine whether attire not specifically addressed is inappropriate if it materially disrupts the educational environment or creates a safety concern.

General Dress and Grooming Standards

- Wear clothing that is clean, neat, properly fitted, and in good repair.
- Practice good personal hygiene.
- Wear appropriate undergarments that are not visible.
- Wear footwear at all times.
- Dress in a manner that promotes safety, respect, and learning.

Clothing Requirements

- Clothing shall adequately cover the chest, back, abdomen, buttocks, and undergarments at all times.
- Clothing shall not be transparent or excessively revealing.
- No excessive tears or holes above mid-thigh that expose skin or undergarments.
- No sleepwear, pajamas, or swimwear except for approved school activities.

Shorts, Dresses, and Skirts

- Be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Provide adequate coverage during normal school activities.
- Allow students to sit, bend, walk, and participate without indecent exposure.
- The campus principal or designee has discretion to determine whether the length, fit, or style is appropriate based on coverage, safety, and the educational environment.
- Leggings or compression wear may be worn only when covered by garments meeting this policy.

Shirts

- Must cover the shoulders and midriff during normal movement.
- No tube tops, halter tops, excessively oversized arm openings, or see-through garments without appropriate coverage.

Pants

- Must be worn at the waist and above the hips.
- Sagging pants are prohibited.
- No chains or accessories that present a safety hazard.

Hoodies, Hats, and Head Coverings

- Hooded sweatshirts (hoodies) are permitted.
- Hoods must be removed before entering any school building and may not be worn inside school buildings during the instructional day.
- Caps, hats, bandanas, beanies, and other head coverings are prohibited inside school buildings unless approved for religious, medical, safety, or school-authorized purposes.

Footwear

- Students must wear appropriate footwear at all times.
- House slippers, bedroom shoes, shoes with wheels (Heelys or similar), and footwear creating a safety hazard are prohibited.

Hair and Grooming

- Hair shall be clean and well groomed.
- Natural and fashion hair colors are permitted.
- Hair designs promoting gangs, violence, hate groups, or illegal activity are prohibited.

Tattoos and Body Art

- Visible tattoos are permitted unless they depict profanity, pornography, gangs, hate speech, violence, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, illegal drugs, or otherwise materially disrupt the educational environment.
- The principal may require prohibited tattoos or body art to be covered.

Jewelry and Body Piercings

- Jewelry may be worn if it does not create a safety hazard.

- Facial jewelry and facial piercings are not permitted, including nose, septum, eyebrow, lip, tongue (visible), cheek, or other facial piercings.
- Religious and documented medical accommodations will be considered.
- Additional jewelry restrictions may apply for athletics, CTE, laboratories, or other activities.

Prohibited Images and Messages

- No profanity, vulgarity, sexually explicit content, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, illegal drugs, weapons, gang symbols, hate speech, or illegal activity.

Religious and Medical Accommodations

- Reasonable accommodations will be made consistent with federal and state law.

Dress Code Enforcement

- Students will be given an opportunity to correct dress code violations whenever possible while minimizing loss of instructional time.
- Repeated or serious violations may result in disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct.

Administrative Authority

- The Superintendent, Campus Principal, or designee has authority to interpret and enforce this policy consistently and reasonably.