

Standards for Dress and Grooming

Alief ISD takes pride in the appearance of our students. The district’s dress code is established to promote grooming and hygiene, to prevent disruption, and to minimize safety hazards.

All students shall wear clothing that is neat, modest, and complies with the Alief ISD standards for dress and grooming as these are contributing factors to a positive learning environment. Students who violate the school’s dress code will be afforded an opportunity to correct the problem at school. When time permits, a phone call may be made to parents to provide a change of clothing for students in violation of mode of dress.

At Mata Intermediate School, our belief that when students know what is expected of them, they are better equipped to meet and exceed the expectations of themselves and school community. We believe that dress and grooming have an effect on students’ attitudes, attention, behavior and academic achievement. In order to build consistency across the school, Mata and the Shared Decision-Making Council (SDC) have approved expectations for standards for dress. Students are expected to be in compliance with the standard of dress.

TOPS (SHIRTS/BLOUSES)	BOTTOMS (PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid color — red, white, or navy blue • Polo style or button front dress shirt w/collar • No logos • T-shirt may be worn underneath shirt, must be red, white or navy blue • All shirts must be tucked in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid color: navy or khaki tan • Must fit at the waist, must not be baggy or dragging on the floor • A belt must be worn if there are belt loops: No military fabric, large name, marquee, skull, studded or large metal buckles allowed. • Must not be frayed at the bottom or cut offs • Jumpers, cargo pants and overalls are not acceptable. • Hemlines of shorts, skirts, and dresses must not be distracting to the instructional environment.
JEANS	OTHER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slashed or ripped clothing must not expose inappropriate anatomy. • Jeans may be worn on spirit days • Wednesdays: Wear college/university t-shirt • Fridays: Wear Mata t-shirt • No glitter, painted or embroidered jeans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweatshirts: Students will be permitted to wear solid color sweatshirts or sweaters (red, navy, gray or white: no logos, no hoods/hoodies • Make up is not allowed. • Coats, hoodies, and jackets must be stored in closet in classroom. • Hair should be clean, well-groomed, out of the eyes, and worn in moderation. • Students who wear earrings must avoid those which present a safety hazard or distraction to the learning environment. • Symbols, numbers, letters, designs, Mohawks or patches may not be shaved or cut into the hair, hairline, or eyebrows. • Shoes must be tied and Velcro properly affixed. • Backpacks and purses must be stored in the closet. Girls will be allowed to get necessary items from their purses, if the need arises.

FREE DRESS DAYS:

Periodically, students will be given the opportunity to receive a free dress day as a reward for good behavior and/or reaching a specific goal. Students will be notified when this privilege is earned. The guidelines for free dress are as follows:

- Student clothing must fit appropriately (not baggy or tight). Shirts cannot be low-cut or cropped.
- Shirts cannot have any inappropriate graphics/writing (subject to administrator discretion).
- Students cannot wear form fitting, jeggings, tank tops, or pajamas.
- Students must wear closed toe shoes that cover the entire foot including the heel (no open-toe sandals, slides, mules, flip-flops, house slippers etc.).

For additional information on Standards for Dress and Grooming, please refer to Alief ISD 2021-2022 Student Handbook Code of Conduct.