

The dress and grooming standards of Marlin High School are meant to promote a positive, professional learning environment where the focus is on instruction and not on clothing. Clothing, hairstyles and accessories should not be disruptive, immodest or compromise student safety.

Students should come to school looking clean, neat and ready to learn. The school prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on materials or clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, immodest or promote or refer to alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited. The school also prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may cause disruption of or interference with normal operations. Shirts or other clothing items depicting or promoting acts of violence, guns, weapons, death, dismemberment, disfigurement, gang activity or affiliation or other offensive items are specifically prohibited. All dress code issues will be subject to the campus administrator's judgement.

All Dress Code regulations apply to ALL high school students. Students are expected to be in compliance with the dress code at all times on campus and while attending school functions. The following statement serves as guidelines so that there is no question of what is acceptable. This list is not intended to be all inclusive. **These items are not allowed:**

- Pants and shorts with holes, frays, or cuts that are located above the knee are not permitted. Tights/leggings underneath do not make these pants or shorts acceptable. Nothing can fix a hold, cut or fray.
- Sagging pants applies to both boys and girls. Jeans, slacks, shorts and all other pants must be worn at or about the waist at all times. Pants are required to fit normally at the natural inseams. Sagging is a Dress Code Violation. Students who are sagging will be asked to change pants, zip tie the pants for the remainder of the day, have a parent bring a change of clothes or a belt, or go to ISS. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action.
- Inappropriate exercise clothing without an appropriate covering garment.
- Sunglasses, caps, hats, bandanas, and other headwear will not be worn in the building. No hoods, hats or head gear should be visible while in the building.
- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. No undergarments or pajamas are to be worn as outerwear.
- Bare feet are not acceptable; flip flops are acceptable; house shoes are not permitted.
- Transparent or see through clothing are not permitted. This includes the "sheer" type as no skin or undergarments should be visible.
- Bathing/swimsuits
- Pants with one leg rolled up or worn at a different length than the other.
- Any head covering (except for religious or medical reasons) including hoods, hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, knit caps and "do-rags" anywhere on campus.
- Combs/hair picks/curlers should not be worn in the hair.
- Dog collars, chains, wallet chains, safety pins, spike jewelry of fishhooks worn as jewelry, accessories ornamentation are not permitted.
- Leggings or spandex type pants worn as an outer garment. No see through pants, tights, or leotards worn as an outer garment. "Biker"/spandex pants or shorts are also not acceptable. Pockets and/or zippers must be on your pants.
- Clothing and accessories that promote alcohol, tobacco, or drug usage, or display weapons of violence, which cause, or are likely to cause a disruption within the school environment.
- Tank tops, tube tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, halter tops, or bare midriff tops. Two shirts work together cannot make the shoulder width comply with the dress code. Shirts cannot have necklines that are lower than the straight line from the top of the underarm across to the opposite underarm. Display of cleavage is not permitted. Tops may not expose the midriff and clothing must cover undergarments at all times. Clothing must adhere to dress code without having to pull or tug the garment back into compliance.
- Gloves in the building
- Clothing and accessories that contain vulgar, derogatory or suggestive diagrams, pictures, slogans, or works that may be interpreted as racially, religiously, ethnically or sexually offensive and which cause or are likely to cause a disruption within the school environment.
- Accessories (piercings) that may cause a safety problem and/or be disruptive of the learning process.
- Do-rags and bandanas are not allowed anywhere on campus or at any school sponsored event.

The following is intended to address male or female dress individually:

Boys: Shirts with sleeves must be worn at all times.
Shorts must extend to or below 4 inches above the knee.

Girls: Sleeveless tops with straps with a minimum width of 4 inches are acceptable. The shirt traps must be wide enough to cover undergarments.
Bras and bra straps should not show.

See through, bare midriff, halter type, razor back blouses or any revealing clothing is not permitted. Shirts or blouses should not come off the shoulder. Two shirts worn together cannot make the shoulder comply with the dress code. Shirt hems should extend below the waist of pants/shorts/skirts whether in a sitting or standing position. If a jacket is worn to cover a possible dress code violation, it must also cover the undergarments or camisoles.

Dresses, skirts and shorts must extend to or below 4 inches above the knee. Dresses that are longer, but are sheer or see through are not appropriate. Tights worn underneath a dress that does not meet dress code regulations, do not make the dress appropriate. Dresses will be measured from the middle of the back of the knee and to the part that is not sheer or see through. If there is a question about tights, yoga pants, etc., remember if there are no pockets and/or zippers, they are not acceptable.

*Any clothing or grooming, that, in the principal's judgment, is distracting and interferes with the educational process or is disruptive to the school can be prohibited. Students will not be given several warnings concerning the dress code. Students could get an automatic assignment to Saturday school.