

DRESS CODE

2021-2022

The purpose of dress regulations is to help students set a standard for their personal appearance that is appropriate within the accepted guidelines of the Delano Joint Union High School District. Every high school student is expected to demonstrate pride in their personal appearance, because it reflects throughout Robert F. Kennedy High School on each student, individually as well as collectively. Part of career planning is learning to dress appropriately for the job and for various occasions.

Robert F. Kennedy High School strives to create an environment where dress and grooming standards minimize distractions from learning and promote a sense of school pride and professionalism. We also hope to deemphasize clothing as a means of promoting negative influences within the student body. Having a standardized dress code will help support a safe school environment and will contribute to creating a productive and positive learning environment.

STUDENT DRESS APPAREL

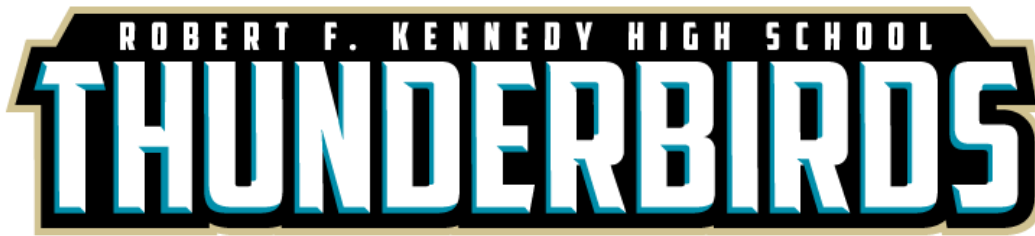
- **Pant/Shorts** - Khaki brown or black pants, shorts, or skirt of the appropriate size for the student. Skirts and shorts must at least be to the mid-thigh in length and must not reveal any undergarments when sitting, standing, bending, or moving. No sweats or sleep wear will be permitted. Pants and shorts must fit at the waist, hips and thighs.
- **Shirts** - Teal, black, or white polo type or dress shirt, either short or long sleeve. All shirts must be collared. Shirts that exceed the pocket line must be tucked in at all times.
- **Foot Wear** - No combat boots, steel-toed work boots, backless sandals, flip-flops or, slippers will be permitted.
- All attire except for foot wear must be logo free with the exception of school sponsored logos.
- **(FRIDAY'S are free dress day subject to the dress code guidelines)**

STUDENT DRESS OR GROOMING PRACTICES WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or others in the school.
- Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
- Prevent a student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

ACCEPTABLE WEAR FOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL:

- Shoes are to be worn at all times. All shoes/sandals need to have a heel strap for safety purposes.
- Clothes which are sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times.
- Gym shorts shall only be worn in physical education classes.
- Hair which is clean and neatly groomed.
- Sweatshirts or T-shirts of a neutral color that depicts college logos may be worn if not affiliated with any gangs. The Administration reserves the right to ban any apparel that can be depicted as gang related if those items become a problem.
- Clothes that fit properly.



Dress Code Continued:

UNACCEPTABLE DRESS ITEMS FOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDE:

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs and backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable. High heels with straps will be permitted up to a 2-inch heel.
- Any clothing, jewelry and personal items, backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc., which contain writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, profane or sexually suggestive, bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
- Hats, hair nets, or other head coverings.
- See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs or short shorts, spaghetti straps, shirts with inappropriate names, and muscle shirts due to the distractions they cause. Shorts, skorts, and culottes must cover the underwear when sitting, standing, or bending. In addition, the length can be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed or dyed by any coloring that would drip when wet or that is distracting, unless expressly authorized by the principal or designee in connection with a specific school activity.
- Attire which advocates, advertises, denotes, poses a danger to any student, or is recognized as affiliated with a gang. This may include any of the following apparel such as jackets, jerseys, T-shirts, etc.
- Clothing that is not worn as it was traditionally intended (shirts should fit appropriately or be tucked in to the pants or skirts). Shirts worn on the outside may not exceed below the normal pocket line. All clothing should be appropriately sized to the body to avoid concealed beepers, weapons, phones, etc. The top of pants must be worn around the waist, and belts need to be secured in the belt loops. Pants and shorts must fit at the waist, hips and thighs.
- No sleepwear or pajamas.
- Sunglasses that are worn indoors.
- Attire that can be used as a weapon, such as steel toed shoes or boots, rings, or items that have spikes or studs, and wallet chains.
- Any jewelry which is visible that pierces any body parts other than the ears.

THE FOLLOWING ALSO APPLIES TO THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE:

- Coaches and teachers, with administrative approval, may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs for certain sports and/or classes.
- No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected due to the fact that a student does not wear standardized physical education apparel when the failure to wear such clothing items arises from circumstances beyond the student's control. (EC 49066-c)
- The administration reserves the right to ban any apparel that can be depicted at gang related if those items become a problem.
- Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special days or special events with administrative approval. The dress code shall be in effect at all school-related activities with the exception of hats at outdoor games.

REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Parents will be contacted regarding the uniform policy. Students will be assigned detention to be served on the day of the infraction. Parents will be asked to bring the student dress code appropriate clothing.