

**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Motto: *Mens sana in corpore sano*** (A sound mind in a healthy body.)

2013-2014 Dress Code

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- The school administration will make the determination of whether any clothing, hair style, shoes, personal embellishment, jewelry, or any other garment or accessory represents a distraction to the educational process.
- Students must wear their grade level ASSIGNED shirts; black shirts for Grade 12, Class of '14; white or grey shirts for Grade 11, Class of '15; forest or hunter green shirts for Grade 10, Class of '16; and navy blue shirts for Grade 9, Class of '17.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Pants and shorts can be khaki, blue jeans or black. The shorts should be no higher than 3" above the knee, and they should be modest (excessively tight shorts or other styles which represent a distraction to the educational process will not be permitted.) Cargo shorts are permitted, as long as they are of the correct color or fabric. The student will not be allowed to alter the length of pants such as the rolling of the hem, tying, etc. Capri pants and ankle pants are permitted.
- Female students are permitted to wear skirts or dresses no more than 3" above the knee. Skirts or dresses should be khaki, blue denim (jean) fabric or black.
- Students may only wear black or white undershirts.
- Spirit Fridays are opportunities for the students to show school spirit. On Spirit Fridays, students may wear khaki, black or blue jean bottoms (shorts, pants or skirt) and instead of the usual grade-level shirt, students may wear a shirt which represents Austin HS or college bound culture. Examples of approved shirts include: administrator-approved Austin HS spirit shirts, club shirts, tee shirts promoting accredited colleges and universities, shirts promoting Sonic Boom band, shirts promoting Austin athletic teams, etc. Spirit Fridays are only on Fridays.
- Shirts (clothing in general) should not be dramatically altered such as through decorative tearing, cutting, beading, knotting or any other alteration which presents a distraction to the educational process.
- Students should wear shoes that have closed toes and a back. No red or blue shoes or shoelaces. Shoes should not have any decoration, embellishment or be designed in a style that represents a distraction to the educational process.
- **Winter or inclement weather attire:** On cold days, students may wear the Austin HS-issued sweater/jackets or solid colored sweaters/jackets. Jackets, sweaters or coats may not have logos or be blue or red. Winter attire must be worn appropriately. Hoods may not be worn while in the building or any other sort of covering of the head or face. Long trench coats, and/or rain coats shall not be worn in the building.
- Hats, baseball caps or any other sort of head attire may not be worn or visible while on campus. Students found wearing or bringing such items will face disciplinary action, and items will be confiscated.
- Chains and spiked belts are not allowed.
- One student ID card is issued free to all students to wear. ID's are useful to help with lunchroom, library, and other events. Students are expected to wear an ID with a lanyard around the neck at all times. Students may get a one-day ID for \$1 or may purchase a replacement one for \$5. This can be done before school, from 7:30 am – 7:50 am in the cafeteria.

Certain aspects of this dress code policy may be subject to change for unique events or unusual circumstances (e.g. spirit day, spirit week, etc., only when an administrator has announced this on the intercom or there is correspondence or an auto-dial phone call has been made to students' homes.) Violators of these unique instances are subject to disciplinary action equal to that of violators of the standardized dress code.

Students must follow the above explicitly-stated dress code policy, no other dress will be allowed. Other forms of dress will not be permitted unless explicitly stated above. Repeat offenders of our dress code policy may be referred to alternative schools and may be withdrawn from Austin High School.