DRESS CODE

At Saegert elementary, we dress for success. Students will follow the student dress code for KISD. Keep in mind that around age 10, some students start to mature physically. This can cause embarrassment to students; your help in assuring proper hygiene and attire will help ease this transition for your child.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not present a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing will be worn as it is designed to be worn. **All dress code issues will be subject to the campus administrator’s judgment.** Students who are considered to be in violation of the dress code shall be advised by the campus administrator and shall be given an opportunity to comply. The opportunity to comply may take a variety of forms. In most cases the student will be allowed to call parents for a change of clothes. While awaiting the change of clothes, the student may be required to (a) wait in the office; (b) attend ISS; (c) go to class (if not a severe violation); or (d) any other option deemed necessary or appropriate by the administrator. Those who then fail to comply or who repeatedly violate the code shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Exceptions to the dress code include students who wear principal approved uniforms on designated dates and who participate as members of official school groups or organizations. Certain elective courses or extra-curricular activities may require more stringent dress or appearance standards than for the general student body.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are: lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverage, drugs, or any other prohibited substance, contain derogatory remarks concerning any identifiable race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, or disability.

The following standards of dress and grooming apply except as noted:

1. Pants, slacks, and jeans are acceptable attire. Bicycle (spandex) shorts, boxer shorts, “cut-offs”, and shorts or pants with holes above the knees are not permitted.

2. Pants or shorts shall not be more than one size too large, and must be worn at the waist, with no “sagging.” Leggings, jeggings, and tights may be worn to school as pants with tops that go below the hips.

3. Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately sized and may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or may conceal contraband. Shirts may not extend beyond
the student's fingertips when worn outside the pants or a skirt.

4. “Sagging” (wearing pants below the waistline or showing underwear) is not permitted.

5. Skirts or shorts length and shorts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee, and must allow students to walk, stoop, kneel, and sit with modesty. Skirts and shorts must follow the 4-inch rule, even when being worn over leggings or tights.

6. Apparel designed for recreation, such as tank tops, fishnet (mesh) shirts, etc., is unacceptable.

7. Apparel designed as underwear or night wear may not be visible or worn as outer garments.

8. Tight and/or revealing clothing or accessories that may draw undue attention to the student is prohibited. Clothing which is of transparent and/or see-through material should not be worn. Students must wear tops that cover the upper body (ex. no halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, etc.) and shoulders, and extend beyond the midriff leaving no skin exposed in the normal activities associated with school. Tank tops and similar apparel may be worn by students in grades PreK-2, especially in hot weather.

9. Head coverings, bandanas (in any manner), hoods, and sweatbands may not be worn inside the building. The campus administrator must approve any exceptions to this policy for religious or medical reasons.

10. Students must wear footwear, which is appropriate for school. All shoes worn to school must have at least a back strap to hold shoes securely on feet. Examples of inappropriate footwear, although not inclusive, are the following: house slippers, shoe skates, water shoes or slides, sock shoes, and shoes with metal spikes. Heels must be no more than 2 inches in height.

11. Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed. Facial hair, if worn, must be neat and well-trimmed.

12. Types of apparel, including jewelry, trench coats, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other items or manner of grooming which, by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute indicates or implies gang membership or affiliation, or would substantially disrupt, distract, or materially interfere with the school environment, activity, and/or educational objectives, are prohibited on school grounds, or at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location.