

Dress Code

Texas School of the Arts (TeSA) and its performing groups are uniformed organizations. The following provides general guidelines for all students; however, each performing group or artistic discipline may have more stringent dress code standards. Students and their families are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of their chosen disciplines. **In addition to the school uniform, additional uniform items, costumes and luggage may be required depending on a student's fine arts group.** The Dress Code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and create a sense of equality and unity on our campus. Uniform compliance is a positive learning experience for students involved in professional training and will help individual students learn specific responsibilities.

Once a student is enrolled in school, he/she should obtain the required uniform items.

Uniform items must be purchased through:

www.flynnohara.com/school/TX059

(817) 292-KIDS

1125 Oakland Blvd

Fort Worth, TX 76103

General Uniform Guidelines

Items with an asterisk (*) are required, all others are optional.

Unisex Items

- *Red logoed short sleeve polo shirt
- Navy logoed short sleeve polo shirt
- Red or navy logoed long sleeve polo shirt
- Sweatshirt (navy with logo from PTO fundraiser)
- Hoodie (navy with logo from PTO fundraiser)
- Cardigan Sweater (solid colored navy with logo)
- *Belts (solid-colored in brown, black, or navy blue), available from any source

Girls

- *Slacks - pleated or plain front (khaki), worn with belt; OR Skirt (plaid #36 or khaki), shorts must be worn underneath
- Jumper (plaid #36), shorts must be worn underneath; only Peter Pan blouse can be worn with jumpers
- Walking shorts no shorter than two inches above the knee (khaki), worn with belt
- Short or long sleeve Peter Pan blouse (solid white only), must be tucked in if worn with anything other than the jumper
- *White knee-high socks

Boys

- *Slacks - pleated or plain front (khaki)
- Walking shorts no shorter than two inches above the knee (khaki)

Footwear

- *Socks which cover the ankle, knee socks or tights must always be worn (solid navy or white; no leggings)
- *Black dress shoes, must be closed toe and closed heel shoe (shoes should be comfortable and practical for school)
- White or navy tights—not leggings—may be worn in place of socks
- No steel-toed boots, sandals, backless, toeless shoes, or high heels

Dance Uniform

Appropriate attire is an important component of dance because it allows the student to move freely without being restricted and it allows both the student and your instructor to see your body clearly. The instructor seeing the body clearly allows for efficient technique practice and injury prevention.

- Top Wear: Black T-Shirt – solid black, short sleeve with no writing. 3rd-6th grade girls may wear black leotard if desired.
- Bottom Wear: Jazz pants, leggings, or sweatpants (solid black only). Black shorts are permitted but must be longer than the child's index finger when arm is extended along the side of the body. Black or pink tights may be worn under a leotard with shorts or black dance skirt.
- Foot Wear: Ballet shoes for dance class (black for boys, pink for girls) are required.
- Girls' hair should be pulled away from the face for dance. Students should come with hair ties or headbands. Hair below shoulder length must be pulled back into a ponytail (off the neck), and shorter hair needs a headband or clip for bangs.

P.E. Uniform

- Black gym shorts (must be longer than the child's index finger when arm is extended along the side of the body)
- Gray T-Shirt
- Black Sweatshirt
- Black Sweatpants

***Athletic / tennis shoes are required for P.E.**

The student's dress and grooming

- Shall not lead school officials to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities.
- Shall not create a health hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others.
- It is recommended that elementary dress be appropriate to the school day's activities. Field trips may indicate the students are to wear the required uniform items.
- Clothing which exposes the stomach and hips shall not be worn.
- Jumpers and skirts may not be hemmed shorter than two inches above kneecap.
- Student names may be monogrammed on uniform tops, except the Peter Pan blouse or jumper, including the sweatshirt, hoodie, and sweater. The monogram should be on the right side of the garment, opposite from the TeSA logo. The monogram should be no larger than the TeSA logo, in keeping with the colors of our uniform.
- Shorts MUST be worn under jumpers and skirts, but should not be visible.
- No hats or scarves are to be worn inside the building except for special days.
- Girls may wear non-distracting hair accessories in keeping with the color of our uniforms.

- No degree of sag (pants) will be permitted. Belts must be worn with any pants or skirts that have belt loops.
- Khaki slacks must be fitted at the waist with no more than four (4) pockets; two in the front and two in the back, no cargo pockets.
- Khaki must be uniform khaki color not sand, stone, tan, beige, or camouflage.
- Jewelry must be simple and discreet. Visible piercings are limited to stud earrings in one hole per ear.
- Only uniform jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters may be worn inside the classroom. Non-uniform coats and jackets may be worn outside of the building.
- Polo shirts must be piqué knit polo style shirt with ribbed collar and banded sleeves with 3 - 4 buttons.
- During cold weather months, solid colored red, white, & navy long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath uniform shirts.

Hair/Make-up (Girls)

- Hair must be a natural color and clean, maintained and combed/styled; extreme hairstyles are not allowed
- Make-up may not be worn.

Hair (Boys)

- Must be a natural color and clean, maintained and combed/styled
- Extreme hairstyles are not allowed

The school administration shall have the right to appraise any clothing issue. The administrator's decision shall be final. Coming to school out of dress code is a Level I misbehavior according to the TeSA disciplinary policy. Students who come to school out of uniform will be given an infraction by the classroom teacher describing any clothing that is not in compliance with the dress code. In the event of a third infraction during any six weeks, silent lunch detention will be assigned. Thank you for your cooperation in seeing that our standards and guidelines are met.

On certain days throughout the year, students will have **spirit dress** or **free dress**.

- One (1) TeSA spirit t-shirt will be created each year, with administration approval. This shirt may be worn on spirit days, which is each Friday. These shirts are normally sold by PTO at registration each year. If a student does not own a TeSA spirit shirt, they can wear blue jeans and a regular navy or red uniform shirt whenever spirit dress is called for.
- On half-days at the end of each six-week period, students are allowed to wear spirit dress. Approved shirts include logoed uniform shirts, that year's TeSA spirit shirt or any other logoed TeSA t-shirt from prior years.
- Free dress consists of clothing of the student's choice, as long as it is appropriate for school. Appropriate dress consists of no short shorts, spaghetti straps, short skirts, inappropriate t-shirts, etc. Closed toe, closed heel shoes should still be worn with free dress.