

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 accessories may be required depending on a student's performances and activities.**

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 through a TeSA PTO Resale or through:

www.flynnohara.com/school/TX059

(817) 292-KIDS

1125 Oakland Blvd Fort Worth, TX 76103

Tops

- Red Logoed Short Sleeve Polo Shirt
- Navy Logoed Short Sleeve Polo Shirt
- Red or Navy Logoed Long Sleeve Polo Shirt
- White Short or Long Sleeve Blouse with "Peter Pan" collar
- Navy Logoed Cardigan Sweater
- Solid Red, White, or Navy Long Sleeve Shirt (worn underneath uniform shirts as needed)
- Sweatshirt with TeSA logo
- Hooded Jacket with TeSA logo

Bottoms

- Khaki Slacks (pleated or plain front)
- Belt (solid-colored in brown, black, or navy blue), available from any source
- Khaki Walking Shorts no shorter than two inches above the knee
- Khaki or Plaid #36 Skirt no shorter than two inches above the knee
- Plaid jumper no shorter than two inches above the knee

Modesty Shorts, White, Black, Grey, or Navy Tights or Leggings, or the Dance/P.E. Leggings are required under all skirts and jumpers.

Footwear

- Solid White, Grey, Black, or Navy Socks of any length
- Closed-Toe and Closed-Heel Shoes
- Ballet Shoes (for dance class only)
- Athletic Shoes (may be worn all day or just for P.E.)

Dance & P.E. Uniform

Appropriate attire is an important component of dance because it allows the student to move freely without being restricted. Dance attire also allows both the student and instructor to see body alignment clearly, which leads to more advanced technique and injury prevention.

Hair should be pulled away from the face for Dance & P.E. Students should come with hair ties or headbands as needed. Teachers will not style student's hair for Dance or P.E. classes.

A white space is provided on all Dance/P.E. items to label the student's name. To prevent confusion and loss of purchased items, all required uniform pieces should be clearly labeled upon receipt before wearing to school.

All 1st-5th grade students must wear:

Dance

- **Tops:** TeSA Dance/P.E. Shirt or Solid Black Leotard (strongly recommended)
- **Bottoms:** TeSA Dance/P.E. Shorts, Leggings, or Sweatpants or Pink, Black, or Flesh-toned Tights (if wearing a leotard), sheer black dance skirt (if wearing a leotard)
- **Footwear:** Ballet Shoes
 - Ballet shoes should never be worn outside of the dance room.
 - Ballet shoes may need to be replaced throughout the year due to growth or wear and tear.
 - A specific color of ballet shoes will be required for performances.

P.E.

- **Tops:** Dance/P.E. Shirt
 - A black dance leotard may be worn underneath.
- **Bottoms:** Dance/P.E. Shorts, Leggings, or Sweatpants
 - A student may choose one or a combination of any of the three official Dance/P.E. bottom wear choices.
- **Footwear:** Athletic/Tennis shoes
 - Velcro/laces are preferred for safety.

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.
- 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, 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.
- Khaki slacks must be fitted at the waist with no sagging. Pants should have no more than four (4) pockets; two in the front and two in the back, (no cargo pockets).
- Khaki must be uniform khaki color from the designated uniform store or matching exactly.
- Jewelry must be quiet and non-distracting. Jewelry with bells, lights, should only be worn when requested for costuming, group projects, etc.
- Only uniform jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters may be worn inside the classroom. Non-uniform coats and jackets may be worn outside of the building for recess or designated activities.

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 violation of the Student Code of Conduct. 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.

Spirit Days

Spirit Days will be held every Friday. A TeSA spirit shirt will be created each year, with administration approval. This shirt may be worn on Spirit Days or Free Dress Days. On Spirit Days, students can wear any approved TeSA shirt. All shirt choices must be worn with official TeSA uniform bottoms or blue jeans with no holes. Students will also need to bring clothing for Dance and/or P.E. unless specifically stated otherwise.

Free Dress Days

Free Dress Days may be held any day of the week with Principal approval, and will be communicated at least one week prior to the event. Free dress consists of clothing of the student's choice, excluding shorts more than 2 in above the knee, spaghetti straps, short skirts, inappropriate t-shirts, etc. Closed toe, closed heel shoes should still be worn with free dress. Students will also need to bring clothing for Dance and/or P.E. unless specifically stated otherwise.