



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GCCISD Board repeals standardized dress codes

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees voted April 26 to remove standardized dress codes at 13 campuses for the next school year.

Currently, 10 of 14 elementary schools and three of five junior schools have standardized dress codes in which students must wear the same style of clothing, but not uniforms.

The change will affect all campuses with standardized dress codes except the School Community Guidance Center, the district's alternative facility.

The move gives parents the right to choose what students wear within the guidelines of the district's existing "Dress and Grooming" Standards. [See Standards here.](#)

The rationale behind the move was the high Goose Creek CISD student mobility rate places a financial burden on parents who move across town to a new school and are faced with a different set of dress codes.

In 2010, the Board of Trustees directed administrators to work toward a universal dress code for the district's elementary schools after hearing an elementary school parent's complaint about the dress code.

The origination of standardized dress in Goose Creek CISD began in the 1990s with concerns at Horace Mann Junior concerning students displaying gang affiliation through colors and styles of clothing.

Elementary Schools with Standardized Dress:

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| Ashbel Smith | Highlands |
| Bowie | Hopper |
| Carver | Lamar |
| DeZavala | San Jacinto |
| Harlem | Victoria Walker |

Elementary Schools without Standardized Dress:

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| Alamo | Crockett |
| Austin | Travis |

Junior School with standardized dress:

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| Cedar Bayou Jr. | Horace Mann Jr. |
| Gentry Jr. | |

Junior School without standardized dress:

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| Baytown Jr. | Highlands Jr. |
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Previously, the process of having standardized dress established for a campus included parent input, staff input, a recommendation from the campus administration, and approval by the Board of Trustees.

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