

West ISD

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the district standards.

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Student dress and grooming should meet the following standards:

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Vest, Jackets:

- No tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti tops, backless, large armholes or off the shoulder tops.
- No low necklines (which reveal too much cleavage)
- No see-through, too tight, mesh shirts
- Boys must wear shirts with sleeves and shirts must be moderate in length to be worn un-tucked.
- Tops must meet the beltline and must not reveal undergarments or skin.
- No tops that are too tight such as spandex/lycra
- No jackets or coats longer than mid-thigh length.

Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Shorts, Skorts, Capris:

- All of the items listed above must be modest in length. At intermediate school, middle school and high school, skirts, shorts, and skorts must be at or below the middle of the thigh.
- No biker shorts or wind shorts
- No shorts, skirts, or skorts that sag or that are too tight.
- Nothing too tight such as spandex/lycra.

Pants, Jeans:

- Pants, jeans or skirts that do not fit at the waist, that cause a safety concern, and/or disrupt the educational process are not permitted.
- Students are not to wear jeans that are torn or have holes in them in inappropriate areas. (using standards that are applied to shorts, skorts, and skirts) No skin or undergarments should be visible above the mid-thigh area.
- No pajama wear of any type unless approved by campus administration.

Shoes:

- Footwear shall be worn at all times
- No shoes with wheels may be worn
- No house shoes or slippers.

Certain classes may require students to wear certain types of footwear. (ex. i.e. Closed to shoes in Ag and some science classes, tennis shoes in PE, etc.)

Hair:

- Student's hair shall be clean, neat and well groomed in appearance.
- Hair is to be worn so that the eyes are visible, no longer than the bottom of ears and off the shoulders.
- Inappropriate and/or extreme hair coloring or style is unacceptable.
- Mohawks or extreme design cuts are not permitted.
- Facial area must be clean shaven. No beards or mustaches are permitted.

Headgear:

- Hats, caps, sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, doo-rags, hoods, sunglasses and other headgear shall not be worn inside the campus building without administrative approval.

Earrings and Body Piercings:

- Earrings worn on the ears are allowed only for the girls.
- Body piercing other than ear piercing will not be permitted.
- Inserts are not allowed.

Eyewear:

- No sunglasses shall be worn in building.

Additional Information:

- No dress or grooming shall create a health or other hazard to a student's safety or the safety of others.
- No metal-studded collars, choker chains, pocket chains, armbands, wristbands, chains and/other metal studded clothing are permitted.
- No clothing intended to be worn as under garments may be worn as outer garments.
- No item worn to school or school event may advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs or any other substance prohibited under Board Policy, weapons, bombs, illegal acts, violence or anything that could be construed as provocative or offensive.
- No extremes in any type of clothing, footwear, make-up or jewelry will be permitted.
- No costumes are allowed unless approved by administration.
- No attire that is distracting or causes a disturbance or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group.
- Mouth Grills are not allowed.
- Tattoos that offensive or inappropriate must be covered at all times.
- Students that participate in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional standards. The sponsor/coach will distribute additional guidelines to participants.

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Dress Code Violations: Students that have violated the dress code will have one class period to correct the issue. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to resolve the dress code violation. If the violation is not corrected, the student will be removed from class for the remainder of the day. Additional consequences will occur for repeat offenders. If there are any questions regarding dress code, contact campus administration.