

**2017 - 2018**  
**Dress Code**

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Student's should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.

The student dress code is set by the School Board of Trustees and reflects the standards of the school district and the community. The Westwood ISD has a very stringent student dress code, and it is strictly enforced. It is the responsibility of the student and the parents to ensure that the student's attire and grooming meet the standards of the student dress code. If a parent or student has a question about a particular garment or grooming method, they should contact school administration prior to wearing the garment or changing their appearance to check for acceptability. Time spent out of class for violations of the dress code shall be considered Unexcused.

Not every situation can be covered in the dress code guidelines. Therefore, school administrators have the right to determine whether any attire or grooming is disruptive or detrimental to the learning process or does not meet community standards. In all cases, final decisions on the appropriateness of school dress rests with the campus administration. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, consequences will be applied. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action.

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES:

1. **Collared polo, oxford style shirt, or WISD Spirit shirt. Short or long sleeve. No sheer material.**
  2. Male students must wear shirts tucked in with belts at all times
  3. Logos are restricted to manufacturer's professional embroidered logos.
  4. No exposed midriffs or cleavage
  5. Undershirts must be any solid color
  6. No crop tops, halter-tops or blouses that reveal skin at the midriff or cleavage, spaghetti straps less than a 2 inches, or "see through"/"see in" clothing
  7. No clothing items with pictures, emblems, and/or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or racial in origin or clothing that exhibits connotations that allude to the aforementioned.
  8. No clothing items that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any substance prohibited by policy.
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9. No clothing item or style that may be construed as gang related

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10. No muscle shirts or tank tops. Sleeves are required for boy's shirts
11. No clothing that is excessively tight

**SWEATSHIRTS, VESTS, SWEATERS AND HOODIES**

1. Must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length and must be worn over an approved shirt or blouse and collar must be visible
2. Approved WISD or college logo are also permissible

**OUTERWEAR**

1. Coats and jackets must fit and not be excessively long
2. No wearing of caps, hats, bandannas, curlers, sweatbands, hoods, "do-rags", picks or combs or other head ornaments inside the building. These items can be confiscated by the principal/assistant principal.

**PANTS, SHORTS AND CAPRIS**

1. Must be solid: black, navy, denim, khaki
2. Worn at waistline
3. No wind shorts, spandex shorts or basketball shorts
4. No clothing that is excessively tight
5. No clothing with holes, shredded, or frayed areas

**SKORTS, SKIRTS, JUMPERS AND POLO DRESSES**

1. Must be solid: black, navy, denim, khaki
2. Worn at waistline
3. Shorts, dresses, or skirt length must fall not shorter than a dollar bill width from the knee when standing or walking in both the front and the back
4. No clothing that is excessively tight
5. No clothing with holes, shredded, or frayed areas

**FOOTWEAR**

1. Tennis shoes, western boots, loafers, sandals, flats, brown or black leather like shoes and boots are permitted. All footwear must have a back.
2. Shoes must be a matching pair and worn appropriately
3. No combat boots, shoes with wheels, flip flops, sliders, cleats, house shoes, moccasins, steel toed boots, or slippers

**BELTS**

1. **Belts are appropriate in any style or color**
2. Belts must be worn with belt-loops and must be visible and have no excessive length

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3. No pants, skirts, and shorts worn below or above the natural waistline. No (baggy, big bottom type), sagging pants or shorts. Material will be provided to hold pants or shorts at natural waistline. The shoes must be visible

**DISTRICT PROHIBITS:**

1. Any clothing associated with sleepwear, including house shoes, pillows, and pajamas
2. Earrings worn by male students
3. Earrings that are distracting or disruptive to the educational setting worn by female students
4. Visible decorative body scars, or tattoos must be covered while the student is in attendance at Westwood schools or any school related activity
5. Accessories that may be worn which are disruptive, draws inordinate attention to the individual student, or which presents a health or safety hazard to the student or others, including spike jewelry or chains
6. Students wearing any jewelry associated with the fad of body piercing while in attendance at Westwood Schools or any school related activity. Nose rings, nose studs, tongue spikes, eyelid rings, or any other jewelry associated with body piercing is forbidden
7. Facial hair (mustaches, beards, goatees, etc.) will be allowed as long as it is kept neatly trimmed – sideburns must not exceed the bottom of the earlobe
8. Hairstyles deemed a distraction or inappropriate by administration, including, but not limited to ponytails, tails, Mohawks, man buns, colored hair, hair beyond the top of the collar, below the ears, and below the eyebrows for male students and outrageous hair styles. Hair shall be clean and well-groomed and must be a natural shade. Hair must not be an obstruction to sight. All styles considered to be potentially inappropriate cannot be covered; therefore, the school administration will determine a particular style as approved or not approved.
9. Dark glasses inside the building, with the exception of prescription glasses
10. Pacifiers of any type

If a student violates the dress code, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action. The student will have to correct the violation immediately. If the student refuse or is unable to make the correction, they may be placed in ISS or sent home. If they are sent home, they will receive an unexcused absence.

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of any extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.