

Secondary (Grades 6-12) Student Dress Code

In order to maintain an orderly and safe learning environment, increase the focus on instruction, promote safety and life-long learning, and encourage professional and responsible dress for all students, all Waxahachie ISD secondary students (grades 6-12) must meet the expectations of the WISD Student Code of Conduct: Secondary Dress Code.

The campus principal or his/her designee will be the sole authority in deciding whether a student's dress complies with the Secondary Dress Code. Any violations of the Code must be immediately corrected at the direction of the campus principal or his/her designee.

Students, parents, teachers, and administrators must work together to assume responsibility for complying with and enforcing this Dress Code adopted by the Waxahachie ISD Board of Trustees.

General

- Torn clothing or clothing with holes is prohibited. (All apparel must be appropriately hemmed.)
- The secondary campuses are a closed forum for student expression through student attire. This means that during the school day, student clothing should be free of any slogans, words or symbols except those that promote the school district and its instructional programs.
- Students should come to school prepared to learn. Any aspect of a student's appearance or attire that is likely to distract or disrupt the learning environment, including images or messages that are lewd, vulgar, sexually suggestive, containing profanity, or promoting violation of school rules (such as promoting drug or alcohol use) are prohibited.
- All camouflage, all black, all red, all blue, etc. attire is prohibited.

Shirts, Tops, and Blouses

- Any manufacturer logo larger than 2" x 2" is prohibited.
- Low-cut necklines, tank tops, spaghetti straps, and off-the-shoulder shirts, blouses, or sweaters are prohibited.
- Any shirts or tops that show the torso when arms are raised above the head is prohibited.
- For male students, untucked shirts are prohibited. (A belt must be worn inside the belt loops and be visible at all times.)

Dresses, Skirts, Shorts, and Pants

- Any manufacturer logo larger than 2" x 2" is prohibited.
- Skirts, shorts, and dresses that are shorter than fingertip length when the arms are held at the student's side are prohibited.
- Dresses with low-cut necklines, spaghetti straps, or off-the-shoulder sleeves are prohibited.
- Sagging pants or shorts are prohibited. (Pants or shorts should fit properly and must be worn around the normal waist area.)

Outerwear

- Trench coats, dusters, and one-piece jump suits are prohibited.
- Athletic clothing, such as warm-up suits, sweat suits, sweat pants, athletic shorts, biker shorts, spandex, overalls, coveralls, soccer or boxer style shorts, and cotton pants with drawstrings or elastic waistbands are prohibited in the academic classroom.

Accessories

- Scarves, hats, caps, hoods, sweat bands, and bandanas are prohibited.
- Chains attached to pants or wallets are prohibited.
- Spiked or studded clothing, jewelry, and belts are prohibited.

- Sunglasses are prohibited.
- For male students, earrings are prohibited. For female students, pierced jewelry not worn in the ear is prohibited.

Footwear

- House shoes, shoes with metal cleats, taps, or wheels on heels or soles are prohibited.

Grooming

- All hair colors that are not deemed natural color are prohibited.
- Mohawks and spikes are prohibited.

Exemptions

Parents or guardians seeking an exemption from the Secondary Dress Code for their student must complete a WISD Secondary Dress Code Exemption Request Form. This form is available upon request by mail or in person in the main office. The form is also available on the WISD website. The form must be completed in full and returned to the campus principal. The parent or guardian will be asked to discuss with the campus principal the reasons and goal of the policy and the nature of the objections to the Dress Code. This meeting shall be held within ten days after receipt of the form. Based on the information provided in the Exemption Request Form and the interview with the parent, the campus principal will make a determination as to whether the exemption is granted. This decision shall be provided to the student or parent within ten days following the conference. Parents with more than one student enrolled in the District must fill out a separate WISD Secondary Dress Code Exemption Request Form for each student.

Any appeal of the campus principal's decision will be treated as a student/parent or guardian complaint under WISD Board Policy FNG(LOCAL). Unless otherwise approved by the campus principal, the student must continue to comply with the WISD Secondary Dress Code pending the outcome of the Exemption Meeting.