

SECONDARY DRESS CODE/GROOMING (GRADES 6-12)

The Waxahachie Independent School District is committed to providing an excellent educational opportunity for every student in the district. Efforts are being made to ensure the highest standards of performance for all WISD students and to promote a safe and secure environment.

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, and avoid safety hazards. In addition, dress and grooming standards shall promote community values and good citizenship, enhance a safe, orderly educational environment, and shall not infringe on any individual's religious beliefs or protected free speech.

The desire of the Dress Code Committee is to present changes in a positive format; however, the most effective manner in which to explain the changes is to list the prohibited dress and/or grooming practices.

Even though the Dress/Grooming Code is restrictive, students continue to have a wide variety of choices.

Styles and fads are constantly changing and cannot possibly be covered by specific rules and regulations.

The task of evaluating what is proper in the way of dress and grooming is highly controversial, and opinion among people varies. School administration must assume responsibility for ruling on specific items of clothing and general appearance for reasons of safety and health, or for the order, well being, and general welfare of students. The cooperation of parents and students and the consistent and fair enforcement of this policy by teachers and administrators are essential to the effectiveness of the Code. **The campus administrator has the final decision as to what constitutes appropriate school attire. Administrators shall have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of attire and grooming for religious and/or medical necessities.**

- Clothing or items that are provocative, offensive, sexual or suggestive in nature; contain violent, drug-related pictures or slogans; have vulgar, lewd, obscene, alcohol or tobacco slogans will not be permitted. Clothing that depicts the occult, represents gang membership, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under district policy is not allowed.
- All Gothic attire, all red, all blue, all yellow, all camouflage, etc. is not allowed. (Example: student may wear a red or blue shirt with different color pants)
- Dresses, shorts, skirts, slits in skirts, etc. shorter than fingertip length will not be permitted.
- No sagging pants, shorts, or skirts will be allowed. Garments are to be worn around the normal waist area.
- Clothing should be worn for the purpose for which it was designed. For example, no undergarments should be worn as outer wear, no pajama tops or bottoms, no house slippers, overall straps should be snapped and worn over the shoulders, and belts are to be worn in belt straps.
- No trench coats or dusters
- Spaghetti straps, halter tops, basketball jerseys (unless worn over a tee-shirt or other appropriate shirt), shirts that expose one or both shoulders, tank tops, tube tops, sheer and /or revealing tops, tops that expose excessive midriff, tops that expose excessive cleavage, see-through clothing of any type, revealing backless tops, overalls (unless worn over appropriate sleeved garment or shirt), clothing that reveal underarms (males) are not allowed.
- No visible pierced jewelry other than earrings on females will be allowed. Band-aids, plastic spacers, sticks, etc. to conceal body piercing are not allowed.
- The following specific shorts or athletic apparel are not permitted during academic classes or main halls during the school day: "wind shorts", gym shorts with or without a drawstring, athletic shorts or

sweats that are sheer, revealing or see-through, form fitting or skin type shorts, spandex clothing of any type.

- Hats, caps, bandannas, head coverings, hoods, sunglasses, heavy chains, spiked jewelry, sweat bands, head bands, scarves, etc. are not permitted.
- Visible tattoos that are deemed disruptive such as gang related tattoos are not allowed and must be covered by a shirt, jacket or bandage,
- Hairstyles that are disruptive, such as Mohawks, spiked, etc. are not allowed. Non-natural colored hair such as green, blue, purple, orange, etc. is not permitted. Hair should be well-groomed at all times.
- Facial hair and sideburns are to be neatly groomed.
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn at all times. All shoe laces must be tied.
- Sloppy or excessively torn clothing will not be allowed including jeans and pants with holes.