

## Alternative Dress Code (PK-4)

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Grades PK-4 campuses will follow the board-approved alternative dress code.

### Purpose

It is the philosophy of the Wylie Independent School District that the public school system is responsible for the academic and life skills development of each child enrolled within its schools. To assure the accomplishment of this task, the learning environment must be maintained to encourage learning. The District's alternative dress code is established to create a positive learning environment, teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, teach respect for authority, and develop an awareness of appropriate attire in grades PK through 4. It is also used as the interim dress code for students in grades 5-12 who are entering WISD for the first time.

### General Guidelines

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that shall not be disruptive or a safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out below and with the student alternative dress and standard dress codes as outlined in the student handbooks:

1. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that depict violence or are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene in nature. Clothing that may be used as a weapon or gang-related clothing are not allowed.
2. Any clothing that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL) shall not be worn.
3. The length of any shorts, skirts, or dresses may be no shorter than four inches as measured from the top of the knee. Any slits in garments are subject to the same limitations.
4. Clothing such as shirts, blouses, and dresses may be sleeveless, but must fit under the arms. Spaghetti straps are not acceptable.
5. Clothing must be comfortable and modest; clothing that is too tight or too short shall not be worn.
6. Multiple earrings that are disruptive to the classroom environment or any earrings that are inappropriate or cause safety concerns are not allowed. Tongue rings and other visible body piercings are not allowed.
7. Tattoos and body art shall not be visible.
8. A team or group uniform that does not adhere to the general guidelines of the alternative dress code policy may not be worn during any instructional portion of the school day.
9. Baggy clothing or clothes that sag shall not be allowed.
10. Clothing with low-cut necklines and clothing that exposes the midriff shall not be permitted.
11. No torn jeans.
12. Any hairstyle that disrupts learning in the classroom will be prohibited.

13. Face coverings will be allowed to be worn in school. They must follow the guidelines below to be worn at school or at school activities.
  - i. No bandanas will be allowed as face coverings.
  - ii. Pictures, emblems, or writings are allowed as long as they do not depict violence or are lewd, vulgar, or obscene in nature.
  - iii. Face coverings must not advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.
  - iv. Any mask that in the administration's judgement may reasonably be expected to cause disruption or interference with normal school operations is prohibited.
  - v. Face coverings should be worn as intended and should not cover eyes.

## Enforcement Procedures

The District's philosophy states that the District is responsible for the development of the whole student; this includes good dress and grooming habits. Given that all staff members have a responsibility to serve as positive adult role models for students, they are expected to exhibit personal dress and grooming practices that are reflective of the high standards associated with the profession, thereby enhancing their ability to enforce the student alternative dress code policy. It is the responsibility of all professional personnel to administer the dress and grooming guidelines.

Each professional employee shall be evaluated yearly on his or her competence and ability to follow the philosophy, policies, and guidelines determined by the Board. It is the primary responsibility of the first-period teachers to verify that the students in their classrooms are in compliance with the District dress and grooming policies; however, all staff members are responsible for ensuring that alternative dress code guidelines are enforced. The principal or designee shall make the final determination and administer the required discipline.

## Violations

If the principal determines that a student has violated the alternative dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school, for the first offense. If not correct, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

After the first violation, any further alternative dress code offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]