

2025-2026 Willis ISD Student Handbook



PREVIEW

02. Dress Code

Clothing:

- All clothing must be neat, clean, modest, and fit (not too tight or oversized) in proportion to the student.
- Any shirt that displays undergarments and/or torso is prohibited.
- Pants, trousers, or shorts will be worn at or above the waist and fastened appropriately.
- Students will not dress alike or wear combinations of colors that denote group affiliation, except for school-approved organizations and/or activities.
- Dusters and trench coats are prohibited.
- No article of clothing will display vulgar or inappropriate language, violence, or obscenities of any kind.
- No article of clothing will refer to or advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or any other prohibited substance.
- Students must be fully clothed with no bare midriff showing when the student goes through normal activities of a school day (bending, stretching, reaching, etc.).
- Students' shorts, skirts, or dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in length. (Administrators have the authority to decide what is acceptable in length.) Biker, jogging, or boxer shorts (tights) are not permitted if worn by themselves. Soccer-style shorts are acceptable provided they meet the length requirement. (Due to some physical activities, the wearing of shorts under dresses is encouraged.)
- Para-military attire is prohibited.
- No sleepwear.

Accessories:

- Hats, hoodies and caps are not to be worn on the head inside the building at any time.
- Scarves and bandannas may not be worn as head, wrist, arm, or leg bands; they cannot be displayed in any manner.
- Sunglasses will not be worn inside any school building except under doctor's orders.
- Wallet chains, long key chains, or any other kinds of heavy chains are prohibited.
- Badges, decals, patches, jewelry, or other similar items are not to be worn if they advocate prohibited substances or actions, vulgar or inappropriate language, violence, or obscenities of any kind.
- Tattoos that are deemed distracting or gang related by an administrator must be covered at all times. (Extracurricular sponsors or coaches may require all tattoos covered during school related events.)

Jewelry:

- Expensive jewelry should not be worn to prevent loss or theft. The school is not responsible for loss or theft.
- Nose rings, lip rings/studs, tongue studs, or any other body-piercing jewelry (except earrings and nose studs) are prohibited.
- Any jewelry that distracts from the educational process is prohibited.

Hair:

- Gang related designs (letters, numerals, etc.) are not to be shaved into the head, hair, and/or eyebrow.
- Hair must be neat, clean, and worn in such a manner that it will not cause undue attention.
- Sharp-pointed combs, rakes, or picks must not be worn in the hair.
- Facial hair must be neat, trimmed, and clean. (Grades 6-12 only)

Footwear:

- Proper footwear must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons.
- Shoes with rollers or skates within them are prohibited.
- Cleated shoes are not permitted.
- Para-military footwear is prohibited.
- House shoes and/or slippers are prohibited.

NOTE: Any part of the dress code that is inappropriate or distracting, as deemed by the campus administrator, will be prohibited.

01. Attendance

According to state law,
Attendance is Compulsory.
This means that a student who is at least six years of age and has not yet reached their 19th birthday, **MUST** attend school.



All student absences are unexcused in the eyes of the State unless it meets one of the following criteria:

- Religious holy days;
- Required court appearances;
- Activities related to obtaining U.S. citizenship;
- Documented health care appointments;
- For students in the conservatorship of the state;
 - An activity required under a court-ordered service plan; or
 - Any other court-ordered activity that requires student participation and cannot be scheduled outside of school hours.

For **children of military families**, absences of five days will be excused for a student to visit a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian going to, on leave from, or returning from certain deployments.

03. Grading Guidelines



Grading guidelines establish:

- the number of assignments and exams in a class,
- how mastery is determined, and
- how to handle make up work.

Reteach/Retest Information:

Elementary: All students who earn a grade below 75 on a major-grade will participate in a reteach/retest opportunity to demonstrate mastery. Elementary students can earn up to an 75 on reassessments.

Secondary: All students who earn a grade below 75 on a major-grade will participate in a reteach/retest opportunity to demonstrate mastery. Secondary students can earn up to an 75 on reassessments.



04. Cell Phone Policy

(TX HB 1481)



OFF & AWAY
for the day

Personal communication devices are prohibited during the school day, including instructional time, breakfast, lunch, and passing periods. Personal communication devices shall be stored in backpacks and turned off.

If a student uses a personal communications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated, and the matter addressed as noted.

- **1st offense:** The confiscated device will be collected and turned into the principal's office. The principal or the principal's designee will contact home. The parent will pick up the device.
- **2nd offense:** The confiscated device will be collected and turned into the principal's office. An administrator will contact the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will pick up the device. The student will serve lunch or after-school detention.
- **3rd offense:** The confiscated device will be collected and turned into the principal's office. An administrator will contact the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will pick up the device. The student will serve 1 day of in-school suspension.
- **Additional violation** of this policy shall result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct that may include, but is not limited to ISS, OSS, and/or DAEP placement.

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05. EOC Assessments

STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments are administered for the following courses:

- Algebra I
- English I & II
- Biology
- U.S. History

Satisfactory performance on the applicable assessments is **REQUIRED** for graduation, unless waived or substituted as allowed by state law and rules. If a student does not meet satisfactory performance, the student will have opportunities to retake the assessment.



Bell Schedules

Middle School:

1st period: 8:15–9:04 AM
2nd period: 9:09–9:55 AM
3rd period: 10:00–10:46 AM
4th period: 10:51–11:37 AM
5th period: 11:42 AM–1:17 PM
• **A Lunch** – 11:42 AM–12:12 PM
• **B Lunch** – 12:15–12:45 PM
• **C Lunch** – 12:47–1:17 PM
Focus/BT/CT: 1:22–2:08 PM
6th period: 2:13–2:59 PM
7th period: 3:04–3:50 PM

High School:

1st period: 7:15–8:01 AM
2nd period: 8:07–8:53 AM
3rd period: 8:59–9:45 AM
4th period: 9:51–10:39 AM
5th period: 10:45–11:31 AM
6th period: 11:35 AM–1:06 PM
• **A Lunch** – 11:31 AM–12:01 PM
• **B Lunch** – 12:03–12:33 PM
• **C Lunch** – 12:36–1:06 PM
7th period: 1:12–1:58 PM
8th period: 2:04–2:50 PM

Early Release and Pep Rally Bell Schedules will be posted on our website at www.willisisd.org.



06. Safety (All Grade Levels)

Student safety on campus, at school-related events, and in district vehicles is a high priority of the district. The cooperation of students is essential to ensuring school safety.

A student is expected to:

- Avoid conduct that is likely to put the student or others at risk.
- Follow all behavioral standards in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct or set by district employees.
- Help secure the campus by keeping all exterior doors closed, latched, and locked unless the door is actively monitored by a district employee.
- Follow instructions from teachers and other district employees regarding classroom doors.
- Remain alert to any safety hazards, such as intruders on campus or threats made by any person toward a student or staff member, and promptly report any incidents to a district employee. A student may make anonymous reports about safety concerns by submitting an online report at <https://report.anonymousalerts.com/willisisd/>
- Know emergency evacuation routes and signals.
- Follow immediately the instructions of teachers, bus drivers, and other district employees who are overseeing the welfare of students.

2025–2026 Start & End Times

Pre-K

Regular Hours: 8:00 AM–3:30 PM
Early Release: 8:00 AM–12:45 PM

Elementary

Regular Hours: 7:45 AM–3:15 PM
Early Release: 7:45 AM–12:30 PM

Middle School

Regular Hours: 8:15 AM–3:50 PM
Early Release: 8:15 AM–1:00 PM

High School

Regular Hours: 7:15 AM–2:50 PM
Early Release: 7:15 AM–12:00 PM



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