

## Standard Dress Policy for WISD Students Grades 5-12

The Wylie Independent School District, in partnership with parents and the community, will provide ALL students a world-class academic education, which will prepare them to lead successful and productive lives. The Wylie Independent School District believes that students should learn to **dress for success** in order to be successful and lead productive lives. Hence, students should dress in a way that is appropriate for a teaching and learning environment. Maintaining a school atmosphere suitable for academic study will help students focus on learning. The **Standard Dress Policy** is an important step toward furthering excellence and better preparing our students for college, careers, and successful living as adults.

### Pants/Skirts/Shorts/Jumpers

- Acceptable colors for pants, skirts, shorts and jumpers are khaki (brown tones), navy blue or black (solid, single colors).
- All pants and shorts will be pleated or flat-front (i.e. “Dockers” type) and must have belt loops.
- Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts and must be worn within the belt loops.
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist with a belt at all times.
- Pants must be worn outside of shoes or boots.
- Capri pants will be acceptable for girls as long as they are worn at the waist and with a belt.
- Shorts may be worn but must be knee length or longer.
- Skirts must be knee length or longer. Slits in skirts must not extend above the knee.
- Jumpers may be worn but must be knee length or below.
- Jumpers must be worn over a standard dress-approved shirt.
- Brand logos or labels on clothing items in this section may be no larger than 1 ½” by 1 ½”.

### Not Allowed

- Oversized clothing
- Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants, pants, skirts or shorts with drawstrings, warm-ups, overalls or coveralls
- Leather, suede, vinyl, and denim materials except for outer/winter wear
- Baggy-style pants or shorts
- Cargo or carpenter style pants or shorts
- Soccer or boxer style shorts
- Brads, **rivets**, studs or decorations (i.e. chains or straps) of any kind
- **Pants or shorts with pockets sewn on outside**

## **Belts**

- Belts must be worn buckled at all times and must be worn inside the belt loops.
- Belts must be solid color, leather-like, dress-type or canvas belts with a buckle.
- Acceptable colors for belts are brown, black, navy blue, khaki or white.

### **Not Allowed**

- Scarves or ribbons used as belts
- Tie or fringe belts
- Excessively decorated belts or buckles
- Oversized buckles (no larger than credit card size)  
(Buckles larger than credit card size awarded to students by WISD may be approved by Principal)
- Chain or metal belts
- Lettering on belts or buckles
- Stripes, checks or designs

## **Shirts/Turtlenecks**

- Any solid color shirt that fits the style description will be allowed.
- Collared knit button polo style shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Oxford-style or dress shirts in long or short sleeve
- Turtlenecks
- Undershirts must be **a solid color** and sleeve length may not be longer than outer shirt.
- All shirts, undershirts and turtlenecks must be completely tucked in and remain completely tucked in when students are seated and arms are raised.
- A single clothing brand logo no larger than 1 ½” by 1 ½” will be allowed.
- Spirit wear - (see guidelines for spirit wear)

### **Not Allowed**

- Lettering of any kind unless approved by school principal
- Cap sleeves or sleeveless shirts
- Visible stripes, check or other designs
- Thermal-type shirts
- Zippered shirts
- Tight, extremely form-fitted shirts
- Low-cut blouses
- Cleavage showing
- **Clothing with hoods (exception would be outerwear)**

### **Sweatshirts/Sweaters**

- Sweatshirts/sweaters that are solid maroon, black, gray, **white** or campus approved colors and **are appropriately sized** will be allowed.
- Sweatshirts/sweaters may only be worn over a standardized shirt or turtleneck as listed above.
- These garments must be pullover; collar of standardized shirt or turtleneck must be visible.
- They must be appropriately sized in shoulders, sleeves and length.
- Bottom of sweatshirt or sweater may not extend more than 4 inches below the belt.
- A single clothing brand logo no larger than 1 ½” by 1 ½” will be allowed.
- **Must be long sleeve and minimum of waist length**

### **Not Allowed**

- Sleeveless or cap sleeved sweatshirts
- **Sweater vests**
- **Garments that zip in front, snap, button, open-fronted, or cardigan style are considered outer wear/jackets**
- **Sweatshirts with hoods (exception would be outerwear)**

### **Shoes/Shoestrings/Socks/Hosiery**

- Footwear must be leather-like or canvas lace up, loafer type, boots or athletic shoes
- Closed-toe mule type or closed-toe slides are acceptable.
- Sandals/open-toed shoes must have a back strap.
- Shoelaces must be white or match the color of the shoe.
- If socks are worn, they must match each other and be brown, black, navy blue, khaki (brown tone) or white (solid color).
- Tights or hosiery must be brown, black, navy blue, white or neutral (solid color).
- Shoes must be a matching pair.

### **Not Allowed**

- Flip flops
- Open-toed shoes without a back strap
- Colored shoelaces except those listed above
- Checks, stripes, lettering, wording or designs on socks, hosiery or tights
- Fishnet or lace type hosiery
- Footwear must not be distracting (campus based principal decision)

## Jewelry

- Extremely large or bulky jewelry will not be allowed.
- Pocket chains will not be allowed.

## Outer/Winter Wear

- Coats or jackets may be allowed in accordance with appropriate weather conditions **but must be removed inside the building.**
- School award letter jackets may be worn as outer/winter wear.
- A single clothing brand logo no larger than 1 ½” by 1 ½” will be allowed.
- **Any clothing item that zips, buttons, snaps, has open front, or is hooded is considered outerwear.**

## Not Allowed

- Dusters or trench coats
- Oversized coats or jackets
- Oversized clothing
- Garments designed as shirts may not be worn as outer/winter wear
- Sleeveless or cap sleeved outerwear

## Spirit Wear/School Organizations

- Any school organization may offer a shirt/sweatshirt to students as an optional purchase. Organizations must receive prior approval from the principal.
- Shirt must be polo-style, oxford-style or a sweater or sweatshirt and meet all criteria listed in the shirt or outer/winter wear section. **Hooded sweatshirts are considered outerwear.**
- Spirit wear must have a principal-approved school related logo.
- Shirts will be worn with approved pants/shorts/skirts as listed above.
- JROTC uniforms may be worn weekly as designated by JROTC instructors.
- Other school organizations may wear uniform dress as approved by the principal.
- Students who wear special clothing for the courses they are taking (such as clinical rotation) must be in school standard dress when not in that class.
- Principals may designate up to three days per year as exempt days and will determine what can be worn on those days. Principal decisions are final.

## Senior Shirts

- Senior shirts that are offered to the seniors at each high school may be purchased by graduating seniors.
- Design of the shirt must be approved by the principal.
- These shirts will be in official school colors and may be a t-shirt style.
- Seniors may wear principal-approved senior shirts at any time.
- Seniors shirts must be tucked in at all times.

### **Individual School Picture Day**

- Alternate dress as outlined in school policy. No denim permitted.
- Make-up picture day will be standard dress

### **Special Needs Students**

- Students who have special needs may apply for an exemption from the stated guidelines.
- Exemptions will be evaluated and approved by the principal.

### **Other Guidelines**

- Startling, unusual or immodest attire of any sort shall not be permitted. Fads in hairstyles, clothing or anything designed to attract attention to the individual or to disrupt the orderly conduct of the classroom is not permitted.
- Outside organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will not be allowed to wear uniforms to school.
- The shirt and bottom cannot be the same color.
- All clothing must be appropriately sized.
- All clothing items must be properly hemmed or cuffed.
- Torn, ripped, frayed or cut clothing will not be allowed.
- Clothing and other articles that are considered “gang related” are not allowed.
- Hats, scarves, bandanas, hair coverings, sweatbands, sunglasses are not to be worn by students except under circumstances approved by the principal.
- Leather, suede, vinyl, and denim materials are not allowed except for outer/winter wear.
- Spandex, nylon or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Hair is to be clean and well groomed. **Unnatural** coloring or excessive hairstyles are prohibited (**campus based principal decision**).
- Tongue rings and visible body piercing, other than earrings, are not allowed.
- Tattoos and body art are not to be visible.
- “Grillz” or temporary decorations on teeth are not to be worn. Orthodontic approved mouth wear is acceptable.