

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 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 or jumpers are khaki (brown tones), navy blue, white or black (black tones) – solid, single colors.
- All pants and shorts will be pleated or flat-front (i.e. “Dockers” and “Cargo” 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.
- Capri pants will be acceptable for girls as long as they are worn at the waist and with a belt.
- Joggers may be worn as long as they meet all other requirements of pants
- Shorts/Skirts may be worn no shorter than 3 inches as measured from the top of the knee and must be worn at the natural waist. Slits in skirts/dresses are subject to the same limitations. “Polo” dresses are acceptable.
- 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 must be the size of a credit card or smaller.

Not Allowed

- Oversized clothing
- Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants, warm-ups, overalls or coveralls, or any skirts, pants or shorts with drawstrings
- Leather, suede, vinyl, and denim materials except for outer/winter wear
- Baggy-style pants or shorts
- Soccer or boxer style shorts

Belts

- Belts must be worn buckled at all times and must be worn inside the belt loops.
- Any color belt that is not distracting or dangerous.
- Belts that have buckles and appropriate wording and/or symbols on them.

Not Allowed

- Scarves or ribbons used as belts
- Tie or fringe belts
- Chain, metal or rope belts

Shirts/Turtlenecks

- Any solid color shirt that fits the style description will be allowed.
- Collared knit button polo style shirt (short or long sleeve) and must have half the buttons buttoned plus one. In the case of an odd number of buttons, round up.
- Oxford-style or dress shirts in long or short sleeve
- Turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks
- Undershirts may be any solid color.
- Shirts cannot be oversized and may not hang below mid-thigh
- A single clothing brand logo credit card size or smaller.
- 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
- Tight, extremely form-fitted shirts
- Low-cut blouses
- Cleavage showing

Sweatshirts/Sweaters/Sweater Vests/Light Jackets

- Sweatshirts that are a solid color. The collar of standardized shirt or turtleneck must be visible.
- Sweatshirts/sweaters/sweater vests/light jackets, including denim jackets, may only be worn over a standardized shirt or turtleneck as listed above. The collar of standardized shirt or turtleneck must be visible. Sweatshirts/sweaters/sweater vests/light jackets may not be oversized.
- These garments must be zipper, snap, pullover or cardigan style; collar of standardized shirt or turtleneck must be visible.
- They must be appropriately sized in shoulders, sleeves and length.
- Bottom of sweatshirt, sweater or sweater vest may not extend more than 4 inches below the belt.
- A single clothing brand logo credit card size or smaller.

Hoodies

- Hoodies are acceptable. All pictures, emblems, or writing on hoodies are acceptable as long as they do not depict violence or are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene in nature. Clothing must not advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.

Not Allowed

- Sleeveless or cap sleeved sweatshirts.
- Oversized sweatshirts, oversized sweaters, or oversized sweater vests.

Shoes/Shoestrings/Socks/Hosiery

- Footwear must not be distracting (campus based principal decision).
- Footwear must be leather-like or canvas lace up, loafer style, boots or athletic shoes.
- Closed-toe mule type or closed-toe slides are acceptable.
- Sandals/open-toed shoes must have a back strap.
- Boot/shoe with a back and hard sole.
- Any color shoestrings.
- Any color socks.
- Tights or hosiery must be brown, black, navy blue, white or neutral (solid color).
- Shoes must be a matching pair.
- Leggings are allowed as long as they are of a solid color and are worn under a skirt or dress.

Not Allowed

- Flip flops
- Open-toed shoes without a back strap
- Fishnet or lace type hosiery

Jewelry

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

Outerwear

- Coats or jackets may be allowed in accordance with appropriate weather conditions.
- Generally, coats or jackets are removed inside classrooms and hung on the back of a chair or placed in an area designated by the teacher.
- School award letter jackets may be worn as outer/winter wear.
- A single clothing brand logo credit card size or smaller.

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.
- 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 special dress code exempt days and will determine what can be worn on those days. Principal decisions are final.
- Spirit t-shirts may be worn on principal designated days.
- College hoodies and sweatshirts may be worn daily.
- Military service sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn daily.

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.

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.
- 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, 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. Unusual coloring or excessive hairstyles are prohibited.
- 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.