

Standard Dress Policy for Wylie ISD 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

- All solid colors are acceptable for pants, skirts, shorts or jumpers.
- All pants and shorts will be pleated or flat-front (i.e. “Dockers” and “Cargo” type).
- Jeans/denim-type pants are acceptable. No rips, tears or holes. Distressing is allowed as long as skin does not show.
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist with no undergarments showing.
- Capri pants will be acceptable as long as they are worn at the waist.
- Joggers may be worn as long as they meet all other requirements of pants.
- Shorts/Skirts may be worn no shorter than 4 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 must be worn over a standard dress-approved shirt.

Not Allowed

- Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants, or warm-ups
- Leather, suede, and vinyl except for outer/winter wear
- Baggy-style pants or shorts
- Soccer or boxer style shorts

Belts (Not required, but if worn must meet the following requirements)

- Any color belt that is not distracting or dangerous.
- Belts that have buckles and appropriate wording and/or symbols on them.

Not Allowed

- Tie or fringe belts

- Chain, metal or rope belts

Shirts/Turtlenecks

- Any collared shirt – polo, oxford-style, flannel, dress shirt will be allowed. All writing, pictures, or emblems 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 other prohibited substance.
- 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.
- Turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks
- Shirts must fit appropriately and cannot be off the shoulder
- Spirit wear - (see guidelines for spirit wear)

Not Allowed

- Cap sleeves or sleeveless shirts
- Thermal-type shirts
- Tight, extremely form-fitted shirts
- Low-cut blouses
- Cleavage showing

Hoodies/Sweatshirts/Sweaters/Sweater Vests/Light Jackets

- Sweatshirts/sweaters/sweater vests/light jackets, including denim jackets, may be worn over any appropriate shirt. If the sweatshirt/sweater/sweater vest/light jacket is removed during the school day, the student must still be in dress code.
- Sweatshirts and sweaters may not be worn off the shoulders.
- All writing, pictures, or emblems on sweatshirts and 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.

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.
- Tights or hosiery may be any 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.

Not Allowed

- Dusters or trench coats
- Garments designed as shirts may not be worn as outer/winter wear.

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, sweatshirt or t-shirt 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.

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.
- Make-up picture day will be standard dress.

Face Coverings

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

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 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, and vinyl 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.
- Tongue rings, nose piercings and other visible body piercings are not permitted. Earrings are allowed. A clear spacer will be allowed in place of a nose piercing only.
- 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.