

## **Dress Code** (Revised 2013)

### **Philosophy**

Since personal grooming has a direct bearing upon an atmosphere conducive to learning and since propriety of dress and neatness in grooming is reflected in the general welfare of the school, students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed and neatly groomed; clothing shall be clean. Recognizing that extremes in dress and poor grooming in school is a definite hindrance to the building of proper values and to an environment conducive to academic endeavors, the school principal is charged with the responsibility of insisting that the student body maintains acceptable dress and proper grooming while in attendance during school hours and at school functions. All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness, and neatness; to dress in a respectful manner within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it. Students who fail to comply with the dress code may be subject to disciplinary actions. Clarification regarding apparel, hair, and/or accessories should be obtained prior to wearing it to school; this approval can be obtained from the campus administration.

The student and his/her parents may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that the student's dress and grooming:

1. Shall not give school officials reason to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; or
2. Shall not create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of other students.

**The principal or assistant principal has final judgment on whether or not a student is in compliance with the dress code.**

### ***SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS***

#### **All Elementary and Secondary Schools**

##### **Hair/Make-up**

1. Hair shall be neat, clean, and well groomed.
2. Hair must not obstruct the student's vision or a view of the student's face.
3. No extreme style or color that is reasonably likely to cause disruption shall be allowed. Ex.: Mohawks, liberty spikes, and designs in hair are samples of unacceptable styles.
4. Unnatural hair coloring shall not be permitted. This shall include, but shall not be limited to: pink, red, purple, blue, or green hair color, and/or black lipstick. Hair coloring and/or grooming that is unnatural shall be prohibited if deemed by the principal as a distraction.

##### **Apparel**

5. Any clothing or accessory (belt) with improper fit (exceeding one size beyond correct size) shall not be allowed on campus. The waist of pants must be worn at the proper

- place of the anatomy and not low around the hips. No sagging, bagging pants or shorts shall be permitted.
6. Garments must have a finished, stitched hem. Manufactured boot-cut slits are acceptable. Rips in jeans or slits in skirt(s) that are not at least fingertip length will be considered a violation. Clothing that exposes large areas of skin will not be permitted.
  7. Shorts or skirts must allow students to be able to stand, sit, and/or bend with modesty. Shorts and skirts must be “finger-tip length,” that is the length cannot be shorter than the level where the finger tips fall when the student’s hands are at his/her sides.
  8. Shorts must be hemmed, cuffed, or rolled and be of a non-revealing fabric/style. Mesh shorts must be double-lined. Shorts and/or clothing worn in secondary physical education classes are not to be worn in the regular classroom. The building principal—in connection with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity--may regulate the dress and grooming of student who participate in the activity.
  9. Mesh shirts, half-shirts, halter-tops, tank tops, and crop tops that show the bare midriff when the student’s hands are extended above the head is not permitted.
  10. Tops with straps less than 2 inches wide and/or without a standard armhole are prohibited.
  11. Students shall wear clothing and undergarments in keeping with their gender. Pajamas and/or sleepwear are not permitted.
  12. Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately buttoned.
  13. Shoes, boots, or sandals are to be worn. House shoes/slippers may not be worn. Steel-toed boots, cleats, skates, shoes with rollers, spikes, taps, and/or boots or shoes with sharp studs are not allowed. Some school activities, instructional settings, and programs including, but not limited to, physical education, athletics, labs, shops, cooperative education programs, and internships may require the wearing of a designated type of shoe or the prohibition of some shoes for safety reasons.
  14. Clothing, accessories, and/or belongings featuring pictures, emblems, or writings that promote inappropriate subjects such as death, suicide, racism, gang-related attire and the occult are not permitted. Neither may clothing, accessories, and/or belongings advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any prohibited substances or activities. Messages that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, inappropriately suggestive, or obscene are not appropriate. Shirts, backpacks, clothing, accessories, and/or other possessions that depict or name groups, whether real or fictional, that are well known for promoting illegal activities, including but not limited to murder, rape, suicide, sexual references, drug usage, etc., shall not be worn.
  15. Tight-fitting clothing is not permitted without a covering garment that when worn alone meets the other guideline of this dress code. This may include but not be limited to: camisoles, leggings, leotards, leotard-type clothing, biking shorts/tights (spandex), wind/running shorts, or athletic/athletic-type girdle.
  16. Clothing must be worn as intended. For example: Overalls must be worn with a shirt or a blouse, and straps must be properly secured/buttoned over both shoulders. The waistband of the overalls must be worn at the waist.

### **Accessories**

17. No jewelry or trinket that is noisy and/or promotes undue distraction in the school environment shall be permitted.
18. No “chains” (including wallet chains) are allowed.

19. Spiked jewelry and mouth “grillz” shall not be permitted.
20. Sunglasses and hair curlers are not appropriate.
21. Body piercing is restricted to the ear. Bandages, tape, or other coverings used for the express purpose of covering body piercing jewelry and spacers will not be allowed.
22. “Gauging” of the ears, or any part of the body, is prohibited.
23. Students are not permitted to write on skin and/or clothing items. Temporary tattoos will not be allowed on the face or neck, unless designated by the principal on a spirit day.
24. Hats, caps, beanies, bandannas, sweat bands, or other head covering apparel are not allowed on campus.
25. No trench coats or dusters.

### **Male General Dress Code**

26. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed and clean.
27. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted.

### **Female General Dress Code**

28. Skirts featuring high slits are not appropriate for school.
29. Low-cut sundresses, sheer blouses, see-through blouses, or any clothing that exposes undergarments and/or breast cleavage is prohibited.

Please be advised that backpacks, shoes, belt buckles, purses, clothing and any other school supplies must adhere to the WISD dress code.

### **BRIDGE CAMPUS (DISTRICT’S DAEP) DRESS CODE**

For the safety of all students, the dress code for the District’s Disciplinary Alternative School, Bridge, shall contain additional, stringent, dress code requirements. The Bridge School Dress Code shall be presented to the student and parents at the time of placement in the Bridge School.

### ***CONSIDERATIONS***

In reviewing with students the appropriateness of dress and grooming to meet the prescribed standards, school officials are to consider:

1. Rules are in effect for the time the District has jurisdiction over the student;
2. Dress for social functions and special activities will be determined by the sponsors of these functions and will be announced prior to the occasion;
3. In connection with extra-curricular activities, the coach, sponsor, or other person in charge may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity.

Students electing to participate in courses and activities not required to complete graduation requirements must meet reasonable dress and grooming specifications prescribed by the teacher, coach, sponsor, or director of the course or activity. Some examples of these are U.I.L. competitive activities, such as band, speech, choir, drama, and all team sports; all career and technology cooperative work programs, such as Distributive Education and Industrial Cooperative Training; and Vocational and Industrial Arts courses where long hair and loose clothing may endanger the student.

## **Violations**

The administration of each campus shall provide proper notification to students and parents prior to any change in dress and grooming standards.

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or assistant principal shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the administrator shall notify the student's parent and request that the parents make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the principal shall take disciplinary action. Appropriate disciplinary procedures shall be followed to include removal from school until the student is in compliance with the dress code.

The building administration shall use its discretion in questions concerning the dress code. Where there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the school administrators' decision shall be final. Students who repeatedly disregard rules of dress or grooming shall be considered insubordinate and shall be subject to further discipline management techniques as described in the *Student Code of Conduct*.