

## **DRESS & GROOMING PER THE WISD STUDENT HANDBOOK**

### Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Students must wear appropriate under clothing and shoes. House shoes or house slippers are not allowed.
2. Student's shorts, skirts, or dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in length. Students are not permitted to wear very tight, very loose, oversized, revealing or very short clothing. Pants must be worn at the waist. Examples of unacceptable clothing, according to this guideline include, but are not limited to cutoffs, jogging pants, tight leggings, boxers, or biker shorts, sleeveless items or pajama clothing. Midriffs, stomachs, and backs must not show with normal movement
3. Tattoos must not be visible.
4. Clothing with visual or written messages which are likely to disrupt the school environment is prohibited. Examples of such prohibited visual or written messages include, but are not limited to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, violence, vulgar, obscene language which could be construed to have an offensive meaning or sexual connotation and insults to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity. Trench coats of any kind are not permitted
5. A student wearing any form of dress or hairstyle identifying them with a gang, cult, or other unauthorized student group or representing or symbolizing the beliefs of such a group, will be required to correct their dress or appearance.
6. A student's hair must be neat, clean and must not be distracting or interfere with the learning environment. Extreme hairstyles, hair designs and hair colors are not acceptable.
7. Mustaches, beards, or goatees must be well groomed. Drawings, icons, and/or other marking cut into or colored into the hair are not permitted.
8. Noisy or distracting jewelry or accessories may not be worn.
9. No type of cap, hat, bandana or headband is to be worn in the school. Sunglasses may be worn only when prescribed by a physician. Sunglasses cannot be worn around the neck or on top of the head.
10. A student who is sent home to correct a grooming code violation will be counted absent on an unexcused basis for the period of time. In the event that a parent cannot be reached to remove a student from school to correct their grooming, the student will be placed in ISS or detention. Discipline consequences may also result for grooming code violations. The student's parent will be required to speak with the school administrator concerning the student's dress before the student will be permitted to return to class after correcting their dress on the initial offense. A parent conference may be required on the second offense.
11. Clothing from the DAEP program may only be worn in the DAEP program and not on the student's home campus or at any WISD event or activity

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Q: Can students have holes in their pants/jeans?**

A: Holes should be at or below midthigh. Any holes above that must not reveal skin.

### **Q: Can students wear leggings as pants?**

A: No. The Student Handbook for Waller ISD indicates that clothing that is very tight is not allowed. Leggings can be worn underneath other clothing, and under appropriate length dresses.

### **Q: Can students have water bottles/YETIs/RTIC cups?**

A: Yes, all of the above are permitted, as long as there is a sealable, screw-on lid. Also, any type of cup/cooler/container that does not have a sealable lid is NOT permitted.