

WSISD Standardized Dress

PURPOSE

In an effort to improve student learning and to facilitate a safe learning environment, the District is mandating standardized dress for students in pre-kindergarten – grade 12. The use of standardized dress is established to improve students' self-esteem, reduce ethnic and racial tension, bridge socioeconomic differences among students, and promote positive behavior; thereby enhancing school safety and improving the learning environment. Standardized dress will also ensure that campuses are able to easily identify their students to better secure the campus. Standardized dress will also encourage and teach students the appropriate attire for various settings, including the school environment.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective the 2007–08 school year, the District shall require all students to wear standardized dress.

IMPLEMENTATION

In consultation with the District planning committee, the District shall develop and maintain standardized dress guidelines specifying the appropriate attire for students. The standardized dress guidelines shall be approved by the Board at least 90 calendar days prior to the implementation date of the standardized dress requirement.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Superintendent shall ensure funds are available for the clothing needs of economically disadvantaged students who cannot afford to purchase standardized dress attire. The funding source for providing standardized dress attire for economically disadvantaged students may include one or more of the following:

1. Donations, gifts, and/or grants.
2. Funds generated at the campus level by students, staff, PTAs and/or business/community partners.
3. Any other source approved by the Board.

GIFTS, GRANTS, AND REQUESTS

All gifts, grants, and bequests shall be accepted in accordance with CDC (LEGAL).

EXEMPTIONS AND OPT OUT PROVISION

A parent or guardian of a student may request that the student be exempted from the standardized dress requirement. In order to exercise this option, the parent or guardian shall provide written documentation stating the religious or philosophical objection to the standardized dress requirement and shall submit a completed standardized dress survey form. The standardized dress survey form and a form parents can use to document their religious or philosophical objections to the standardized dress requirement shall be available at the District's administration building.

COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of a cocurricular or extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OCCASIONS

Principals are authorized to designate up to one day per week as a nonschool standardized dress day in order to allow students to participate in activities such as "50s Day", "Spirit Day", etc.

PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

The parent and student shall be responsible for ensuring that the student is in compliance with all aspects of this policy while on the school campus during school hours.

VIOLATIONS

Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases, in accordance with the student handbook and Student Code of Conduct, for dress and grooming violations.

NONDISCRIMINATION

District and campus personnel shall not discriminate against any student whose parents or guardians choose for religious or philosophical reasons an exception to the standardized dress policy.