

2009-2010 SECONDARY STANDARD DRESS POLICY (Grades 5-12)

To ensure the safety of our students and to provide a school atmosphere that enables all children to excel, White Settlement ISD implemented a Standard Dress Policy in 2007-08. The Standard Dress Policy is a vital step toward maintaining our students' safety and to better prepare them for the future.

Some "school uniforms" DO NOT meet White Settlement ISD's standard dress guidelines (i.e. extra pockets). Please adhere to the district's policy when making your shopping decisions. **Minor revisions were made to this year's policy. They are highlighted in black.** Administrative discretion will be given for all dress code policy decisions.

ACCEPTABLE SHIRTS, SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- All shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters are solid colors. Sweatshirts and sweaters must be worn over an approved shirt. Collar must show.
- Collared polo-style or oxford-style dress shirts (short, three-quarter or long sleeve)
- Turtleneck/mock turtlenecks and sweater vests
- Males- Shirts must be long enough to tuck in and are always tucked in.
- Females- Shirts with uneven hems, shirt tails, and any shirt longer than the wrist must be tucked in. Shirts must fit appropriately.
- Sweaters and sweatshirts are pull-over or cardigan style and cannot extend more than 4 inches below the waist.
- Solid-colored undershirts, T-shirts as undershirts, Henley shirts as undershirts, or thermal shirts as undershirts must fit appropriately.

ACCEPTABLE PANTS & SHORTS FOR YOUNG MEN

- Dockers® or similar style pants or shorts and dress pants in tan or light-colored khaki, navy, black, gray, or brown
- Pants or shorts are flat-front or pleated.
- Pants and shorts must have no more than 5 pockets (2 in front, 2 in back and a fob/watch pocket).
- Shorts are knee-length or longer.
- Pants must be worn at the waist.
- Boys-Pant legs must be worn over boots-not tucked inside them.
- If bottoms have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- All bottoms must be hemmed or cuffed.

UNACCEPTABLE SHIRTS, SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- T-shirts or thermal type shirts as outer shirts
- Denim shirts or vests and denim jackets as shirts
- Unhemmed or sleeveless shirts
- Shirts that are tight, low-cut, show cleavage or midriff. (If a collared shirt has button holes, no more than the top two may be unbuttoned.)
- Hooded sweaters and sweatshirts inside the building (see outerwear)
- Logos larger than 1.5 X 1.5 inches (school approved logos accepted)
- Shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and undershirts with pinstrips, stripes, polka dots, etc.

UNACCEPTABLE PANTS AND SHORTS FOR YOUNG MEN

- Denim jeans or shorts
- Oversized or baggy clothing
- Pajama pants
- Sweatpants, drawstrings, overalls or similar styles
- Cargo or carpenter-style pants or shorts (These pants will have additional loops and pockets. Pockets sewn on the outside of the pants are not allowed, and any shorts/pants with pockets below the hips.)
- Soccer or boxer-style shorts
- Brads, studs, embellishments or other extraneous decorations
- Leather, suede, spandex, nylon, vinyl or stretch-type materials
- Bottoms with tears or holes
- Logos larger than 1.5 x 1.5 inches
- Pinstripes
- Tight-fitting pants
- **Rolled up pant legs**

ACCEPTABLE PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS AND CAPRIS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

- Dockers® or similar style pants, shorts, or capris and dress pants in tan or light-colored khaki, navy, gray, brown or black
- Pants, shorts and capris are flat-front or pleated.
- Pants/shorts must have no more than 5 pockets (2 in front, 2 in back and a fob/watch pocket).
- Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers (with or without leggings) are knee-length or longer. (Jumpers must be worn with an approved standard dress shirt.)
- Shorts, skirts, jumpers and capris. Shorts and capris must meet same requirements.
- Pants and capris must be worn at waist.
- If bottoms have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- All bottoms must be hemmed or cuffed.

ACCEPTABLE OUTERWEAR

- All outerwear must be worn with an approved standard dress shirt and fitted appropriately.
- Lightweight jackets that are worn in the school building must be a solid color (unless school approved).
- Letter jackets and solid colored jackets of similar weight and style may be worn in the building.
- Any outerwear garment that does not meet standard dress requirements must be removed upon entering the school building and remain off.
- The outerwear must be placed in a locker or on the back of chair in classroom (if school does not have lockers).
- Any jacket must remain unbuttoned or unzipped in the building.

UNACCEPTABLE PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, JUMPERS AND CAPRIS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

- Jeans and denim
- Oversized or baggy clothing
- Pajama pants
- Sweatpants, windpants, overalls or similar styles
- Cargo or carpenter-style pants, shorts or capris (These pants will have additional loops and pockets. Pockets sewn on the outside of the pants and any shorts/pants/skirts/capris with pockets below the hips are not allowed.)
- Soccer or boxer-style shorts
- Brads, studs, embellishments or other extraneous decorations
- Slits or kick pleats that extend above the knee
- Leather, suede, spandex, nylon, vinyl or stretch-type materials
- Bottoms with tears or holes
- Logos larger than 1.5 X 1.5 inches.
- Pinstripes
- Tight-fitting pants

UNACCEPTABLE OUTERWEAR

- Heavy coats and oversized jackets may not be worn in the building.
- Outerwear with lettering or logos larger than 1.5 by 1.5 inches is not allowed (unless district or campus logo).
- Sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods
- Hoods or headwear worn in building
- Trenchcoats or parkas
- Denim coats and jackets

**ACCEPTABLE SHOES, SOCKS, BELTS
AND ACCESSORIES FOR YOUNG MEN
AND WOMEN**

- Tennis shoes, loafer-style shoes, dress shoes, boots or other closed-toe shoes, open toe/open heel shoes
- **Belts that may not be distracting or create a safety hazard are allowed.**
- Socks, tights or hosiery must be solid colored.
- **Leggings and knee socks must be white, black, gray, navy, or tan or light khaki.**
- **Dresses and skirts worn with leggings must be knee-length.**
- Shoelaces must be white or match the primary color of shoe.
- Shoes designed with shoestrings must have shoestrings and be appropriately tied.
- Pierced jewelry is limited to the ears.
- Armwear/jewelry is limited to no more than two bracelets or watches on each arm.
- Accessories that may be distracting in the classroom will not be allowed.
- Velcro and straps must be fastened and shoelaces must be tied.
- **Makeup must be of a natural appearance.**
- **Maximum shoe height is 5 inches.**
- **Socks must be matching.**
- **Shoes must be matching.**

**UNACCEPTABLE SHOES, SOCKS, BELTS
AND ACCESSORIES**

- Flip flops (any shoe that goes between toes) and athletic slides
- Crocs®
- Slippers, house shoes
- Skate shoes or Heelies®
- Para-military boots
- Steel-toed boots
- Fishnet hosiery/clothing
- Suspenders
- Designs on socks or hosiery
- **Belts that are distracting or a safety hazard to others**
- Tie, fringe, chain or metal belts
- Scarves or ribbons used as a belt
- Hats, caps, visors, head coverings, do-rags, bandanas, sweatbands and sunglasses
- Grills, spacers, piercing coverings and bandages
- Armsocks/gloves
- Extreme or distracting hairstyles (mohawks, superspikes) or unnatural hair colors
- Wild eye contacts
- Chains that attach to wallets or other clothing accessories that might reasonably be used as a weapon

Special Needs Students

- Students who have a special need may apply for a waiver.
- Waivers will be evaluated and approved by the building principal.

Other Guidelines

- Principals may designate certain days per year as spirit days and will determine what can be worn on those days.
- Wording/lettering on any clothing is not allowed unless school approved.
- No rolling backpacks.
- **Spirit days will only be held on Fridays, and all T-shirts must be royal blue.**
- **Dark on dark colors (i.e. navy and black) will be allowed.**

Grades 9 – 12 only

- Athletic bags must be kept in locker in the locker room.
- **Mesh or see-through backpacks are no longer required.**