

DRESS AND GROOMING

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Students must be in dress code upon entering the campus in the morning and remain in dress code throughout the day until the last bell rings to release students to go home. Students out of dress code will be reported to the office for a dress code violation.

1. Dress and/or grooming should be appropriate in order to prevent disruption or interference of normal school operations and should promote a businesslike atmosphere in the classroom.
2. Students must wear appropriate underclothing.
3. Clothing shall not exhibit pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, sexually related topics or anything that represents gang/secret society membership. In addition, the principal or designee may use judgment in prohibiting clothing that promotes hate, violence, and suggestive slogans as depicted in television or media.
4. Shirts (including t-shirts), blouses, tops, etc. must reach below the waistline all the way around when arms are extended to the side. Shirts are to be buttoned appropriately. Muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops, and off the shoulder blouses are prohibited. Sleeveless shirts or dresses may be worn by girls but must measure at least 2.5 inches on the shoulder. Students may not wear low neck/back blouses. Sweatshirts with hoods may be worn, but hoods may not be worn in the building during school hours.
5. Shorts, skirts, and dresses will not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee (measured from the top of the knee cap).
6. Strapless dresses, sundresses, blouses, or any other apparel that is low cut in front or back is prohibited.
7. Clothing should be the appropriate size. No sagging or low riders will be permitted. Pants must be worn at the waistline and must completely cover underclothing. Pants and shorts must be secured at the waist.
8. Leggings, yoga pants, spandex shorts, athletic shorts above the knee area, lace shorts, tights, and boxers may not be worn.
9. Pants, shorts, and skirts with holes, frays are not permitted.
10. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times, for health and safety reasons. All shoes should have a secure fit. House shoes and steel-toed boots are not permitted.
11. Hair shall be kept neat, clean, well-groomed, and not disrupt the learning environment. Boys' hair will not extend below the eyebrows, below the earlobes, or below the top of the tee-shirt. No extremes are allowed including: Unnatural hair dyes/colors are not permitted, Spiked hair, mohawks of any type, rat tails, ponytails (males), or headbands are not allowed.
12. Facial hair is not permitted and sideburns must not extend below the bottom of the earlobe. Students must be clean-shaven at all times.
13. Cosmetics or makeup shall be applied in such a manner that users shall not appear conspicuous or attract undue attention.
14. Tattoos must not be visible during the school day.

15. Hats, caps, bandannas, and other headgear of any kind shall not be worn inside any school building. These items should be put away upon entering the building each day and not carried to classrooms during the school day.
16. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the school building.
17. Wearing heavy chains or spiked jewelry is unacceptable.
18. Male students shall not wear earrings or ear studs.
19. No body piercing jewelry will be allowed. Spacers may not be worn by any student.

***The administration may allow exceptions to the dress code on designated days.

***The administration reserves the right to judge whether any current fashion or fad is appropriate for school wear and to require any student to change his or her attire if it is not found acceptable. If not corrected, the student shall be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

**** CHRONIC DRESS CODE VIOLATORS WILL BE PLACED IN ISS IMMEDIATELY.

If the Principal or Principal's designee 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. Appropriate dress is an expectation of all White Oak ISD students. Students who are not in compliance with the district dress code will be dealt with according to the steps below:

- 1st Violation – Student will be given the option to call a parent for a change of clothes with time out of class not to exceed thirty minutes; or change into campus provided alternative clothing.
- 2nd Violation – Student will be provided campus alternative clothing and assigned 1 detention.
- 3rd Violation – Student will be provided campus alternative clothing and assigned 1 day of ISS .
- 4th Violation and beyond – Student will be provided campus alternative clothing and will be assigned 3 days of ISS.

* Students choosing not to wear Alternative Clothing, as assigned, shall be placed in ISS for the day.

** Students who are in violation but unable to correct the infraction without leaving school, such as hair color, shall be placed in ISS for the day and remain in ISS until the correction has been made.

*** Students who check out of school to avoid disciplinary consequences, including dress code consequences, shall serve ISS the day they return to school.

**** ANY variation in dress code MUST have prior administrative approval which will be communicated to all via announcements.