

WEST OSO

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL DRESS CODE

STUDENTS

2024 – 2025

SCHOOL YEAR



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TRANSPARENCY RESILENCY UNITY EQUITY
EVERY STUDENT. EVERY HOUR. EVERY DAY.

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The West Oso Independent School District is committed to providing a quality educational opportunity to each student enrolled in the District. Research has concluded that neither students, nor teachers, are able to perform at their highest level in an environment that contains elements of fear or threat, whether real or perceived.

PURPOSE: The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect to authority. (FNCA – LOCAL) *The desire of the Dress Code Committee was to present the changes in a positive format, however, the most effective manner in which to explain the changes is to list the prohibited dress/or grooming practices.*

GENERAL GUIDELINES: Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

SPECIAL NOTE: No article of clothing or other accessories shall be worn in such a way as to advertise, promote, or be associated with sex, violence, alcohol, drugs, death, hate slogans or gang activities or pictures (as defined under FNCF-Legal). Any inappropriate worn, torn, or mode of clothing that is disruptive is prohibited. (e.g. tops or pants that are too tight, holes/slits on pants, etc.)

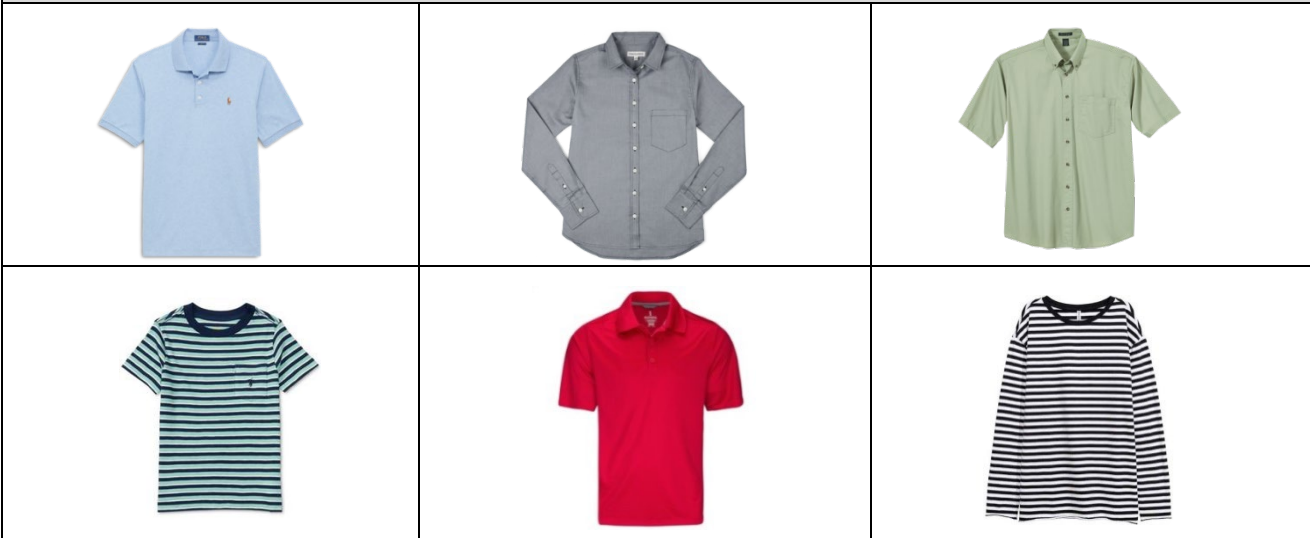
CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR DECISIONS REGARDING DRESS CODE WILL BE FINAL.

STANDARDIZED DRESS REQUIRED: The Board has determined that the use of standardized dress will improve the learning environment for District students and has adopted a policy to provide guidance for students, parents, and staff.

The following shall apply: All students enrolled in the District school shall wear standardized dress, which includes the following:

A.	SHIRTS
<i>COLOR:</i>	Any Color
<i>STYLE:</i>	Polo shirts, “Spirit” shirts (shirts that promote pride in any West Oso ISD <i>campus or school-sanctioned curricular or extracurricular activity</i>) and colored tee shirts may be worn as long as they are <u>not</u> see-through, low cut tank tops, cut-offs, midriiffs, or advertise offensive or prohibited messages.
<i>FIT:</i>	Shirts must be a standard or classic fit.

EXAMPLES OF **ALLOWED** SHIRTS



EXAMPLES OF SHIRTS **NOT** ALLOWED

Shirt or top with the lower part short enough to see the torso



See through tops - Shirt that you are able to see through



Sleeveless – Shirts with **NO** sleeves including tube-tops & low-cut tank tops



B.	DRESSES			
COLOR:	Any color.			
STYLE/ FIT:	Must be at or below the knee, must not have any holes, NO cold shoulder dresses, may be sleeveless but must cover all top area. Bodycon dress hems must be below the knee.			
EXAMPLES				
At or below the knee, sleeves and covers top area.				
				
EXAMPLES OF DRESSES : NOT ALLOWED				
				

C.	PANTS
<i>COLOR:</i>	Any Color
<i>STYLE:</i>	"Dockers" style pants are allowed. Classic cut or straight leg. "Blue" jeans or black denim jeans. Capri, crop, or "pedal pusher" type pants (below the knee) will be allowed for girls.
<i>FIT:</i>	Must fit properly around the waist, must be appropriately sized. If students choose to wear pants with elastic bands, then no belt is necessary. Belts will be optional at the ELEMENTARY level only, but will be required if necessary to hold pants up.
<i>NOTE:</i>	Oversized or overlong baggy jeans, cargo pants, palazzo pants (pants with pant legs that totally cover or hide the shoes are inappropriate) Leggings, tights, or pajama pants are NOT allowed. Leggings/tights may only be worn up under dresses/skirts or pants <u>with holes above the knee</u> . NO catsuits of any kind or any length.

EXAMPLES OF **ALLOWED** PANTS

Crop / Capri Pants – pants that end just below the knee







Cargo Pants







EXAMPLES OF ALLOWED PANTS			
BOYS & GIRLS ONLY			
Standard or Classic Fit		Regular tailored pants or jeans	
			
Straight Legged		“Dockers” style Pants	
Pant leg that is cut straight (no flares, bell bottoms, or wide leg)		No-Wrinkle cotton twill with side slash pockets and a back pocket.	
			

EXAMPLES OF PANTS & SHORTS: NOT ALLOWED			
BOYS & GIRLS			
OVERSIZE SHORTS		OVERSIZE PANTS	
			
ATHLETIC SHORTS*		BOARD SHORTS	
			
LEGGINGS		PALAZZO PANTS	CATSUITS
			
* JFK GRADES PK-2: APPROPRIATE LENGTH ATHLETIC SHORTS ARE ALLOWED AT JFK			

D.	JEANS (TORN WITH LEGGINGS UNDERNEATH)		
COLOR:	Any color.		
STYLE:	Torn jeans will be allowed if tights or leggings are worn underneath. The holes in the jeans must not be any higher than a dollar bill length above the knee. Jeans with a flare are ok.		
	Flared jeans are allowed		
EXAMPLES			
BOYS & GIRLS			
TORN JEANS WITH LEGGINGS UNDERNEATH.			
			
EXAMPLES			
BOYS & GIRLS			
TORN JEANS NOT ALLOWED.			
UNLESS TIGHTS OR LEGGINGS ARE WORN UNDERNEATH.			
			

D.	JEANS (FLARED BOTTOM)		
COLOR:	Any color.		
STYLE:	Jeans with flared bottom.		
EXAMPLES			
BOYS & GIRLS			
Jeans with flared bottom.			
			

<i>E.</i>	JOGGERS		
<i>COLOR:</i>	Any color.		
<i>STYLE:</i>	Joggers with a drawstring and elastic bottom hem are allowed		
EXAMPLES			
BOYS & GIRLS			
Joggers with drawstring waist & elastic bottom hem.			
			

F.	SHORTS/JUMPERS/SKORTS/SKIRTS
COLOR:	Any Color
FIT:	Must come to within two inches of the top of the knee (dollar bill rule) and must have no slits.
NOTE:	Athletic shorts are NOT allowed.

G.	SWEATERS/VESTS
COLOR:	Any Color
STYLE:	Must be worn with a tee shirt, oxford shirt, or polo style shirt underneath.
FIT:	Must be appropriately sized

H.	TURTLENECKS
COLOR:	Any Color
FIT:	Must be appropriately sized

I.	JACKETS
COLOR:	Any Color
STYLE:	Logos, designs or lettering that is considered lewd, offensive, vulgar, and obscene or advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL) will not be allowed
FIT:	Must be appropriately sized
NOTE:	WOHS Letterman Jackets are permitted. Trench coats or “dusters” are NOT allowed

J.	FOOTWEAR — MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES*
COLOR:	Any Color
STYLE:	Now includes jandals and crocs for the 2022-2023 school year
STYLE:	<u>The following are prohibited:</u> Flip flops, house shoes, beach sandals, or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them, and footwear that has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastic, or similar materials.
FIT:	Must be appropriately sized
NOTE:	EXCEPTION: West Oso High School students enrolled in specific industrial classes may be required to wear steel toe boots.

* JFK GRADES PK-2: STUDENTS MUST WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES DAILY

EXAMPLES OF FOOTWEAR : **NOT** ALLOWED






BOYS & GIRLS

Beach Sandals/Flip Flops Rubber Soled Flats with elastic strap		House Shoes Shoes designed to be worn indoors	
			

K.	HAIR
<i>COLOR:</i>	Hair must be of natural color (black, brown, blonde, dark red). Non-natural colored hair such as green, blue, purple, orange, cherry-red, white, etc. or any other combination of colors that appear unnatural or distracting will not be allowed.
<i>STYLE:</i>	Hair must be clean and well-groomed at all times. Distracting hair styles will be allowed at the discretion of the administration.

EXAMPLES OF **ALLOWED** HAIR STYLES & FACIAL HAIR

BOYS & GIRLS

				
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BOYS & GIRLS

EXAMPLES OF HAIRSTYLES: **NOT** ALLOWED

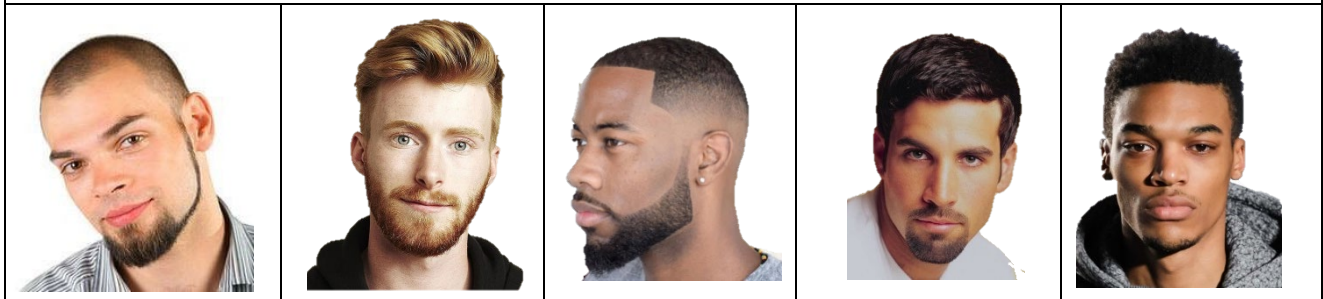
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K.	FACIAL HAIR
<i>COLOR:</i>	Facial hair must be of natural color (black, brown, blonde, dark red). Non-natural colored hair such as green, blue, purple, orange, cherry-red, white, etc. or any other combination of colors that appear unnatural or distracting will not be allowed.
<i>STYLE:</i>	Facial hair must be clean and well-groomed at all times. Facial hair will be allowed as long as it is kept short and neatly groomed. Distracting facial hair styles and hair or shaved designs with logos will be at the discretion of administration.

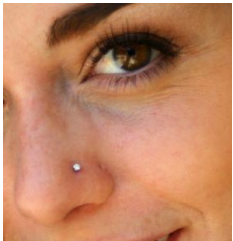
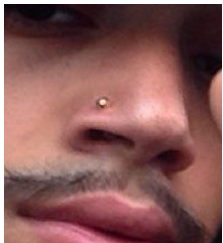
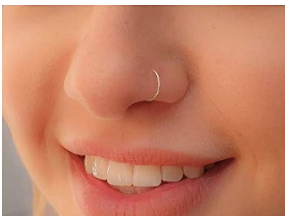

EXAMPLES OF **ALLOWED** FACIAL HAIR

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L.	BODY PIERCINGS, TATTOOS & ACCESSORIES
BODY PIERCINGS	
<i>STYLE:</i>	Body piercing jewelry is NOT allowed. (Eye brow rings, nose rings, lip rings or any other areas except for the ear.) Exceptions will be 1 nose stud or small ring.
<i>NOTE:</i>	Heavy or spiked jewelry such as dog collars, large medallions, or heavy chains are NOT allowed. NO septum nose piercings of any kind or size.
ACCESSORIES	
<i>STYLE:</i>	Sunglasses, extreme styles of contact lenses, large medallions, teeth grills, bandannas, hairnets, skull caps, rollers or long-handled combs worn in the hair are not to be worn inside the building or wherever administration states that such items are NOT allowed.

L.	BODY PIERCINGS, TATTOOS & ACCESSORIES		
BODY PIERCINGS			
NOTE:	Ear gauging (holes in the ears) is NOT allowed.		
EXAMPLES OF ALLOWED EARRINGS			
			
EXAMPLES OF EARRINGS: NOT ALLOWED			
			

L.	BODY PIERCINGS, TATTOOS & ACCESSORIES		
BODY PIERCINGS			
STYLE:	One small nose stud or ring piercing is allowed.		
NOTE:	Prohibited areas of the body include, but are not limited to eyebrow, cheek, tongue, and lips.		
EXAMPLES OF BODY PIERCINGS: ALLOWED			
BOYS & GIRLS			
			

EXAMPLES OF BODY PIERCINGS: **NOT** ALLOWED



M. GANG RELATED CLOTHING & APPAREL: **NOT** ALLOWED

NOTE: *Clothing apparel that is associated with gangs*
(such as long belts, colored shoelaces, colored handkerchiefs, jewelry, and other items)

EXAMPLES OF GANG ATTIRE: **NOT** ALLOWED



N. WOISD SPECIAL EVENTS DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

ALL STUDENTS

It is the intent of West Oso ISD that these guidelines will provide standards that are reflective of the values and morals of the community, while allowing students to enjoy the events in a more formal atmosphere.

The students will be allowed to deviate from the normal school dress code, but with age appropriate limitations as directed by the campus administration.

Prior to any SPECIAL EVENT, specified dress codes for that event will be provided to students in a written or electronic format.

The principal reserves the right of final interpretation regarding SPECIAL EVENT dress code issues. Any questions regarding the SPECIAL EVENTS DRESS GUIDELINES once issued should be directed to the principals of each campus or the Executive Director of Special Education and Student Services.

O.	BACKPACKS
NOTE:	All backpacks must be clear or mesh .

ALL STUDENTS

EXAMPLES OF BACKPACKS: **ALLOWED**



NOTE:

The West Oso ISD School Dress Code applies to all District campuses and facilities and to any location off-campus where District students are receiving classroom instruction (e.g. official class field trips, internships, or other programs hosted outside the District).

Please call your child's campus principal if you have any questions regarding the dress code.