



Dress Code

Prekindergarten through Fifth Grade

STUDENT	ITEM	COLOR	NOT ALLOWED (BOYS & GIRLS)
Boys & Girls:	Pants: Docker Style	Navy, Khaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sweatpants, wind pants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups or coveralls
	Shorts: Docker Style	Navy, Khaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corduroy and jean (denim) ▪ Khaki colored denim ▪ Baggy style legged slacks or pants ▪ Shorts length not more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap ▪ Soccer or boxer style shorts except in PE ▪ Cargo or carpenter style pants
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designs cut in hair
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Backless shoes
	Outwear: Jackets and coats*		
Boys:	Shirts: Polo Oxford (Button-down collar) Turtleneck (mock or regular)	Navy, White, Gray, Light Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stripes, checks or other designs on shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks. ▪ Sleeveless shirts/blouses or shirts/blouses with caps sleeves
Girls:	Shirts/Blouses: Polo Oxford (Button-down collar) Round Collar (no trim on collar) Turtleneck (mock or regular)	Navy, White, Gray, Light Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thermal type shirts ▪ Zippered shirts or blouses ▪ T-shirts
	Skirts: Any style except straight	Navy, Khaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skirts and skorts length not more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap ▪ Slit in skirt
	Skorts: Any style	Navy, Khaki	
	Uniform style dresses:	Navy, Khaki	
	Jumpers: V-Neck, round neck, square neck	Navy, Khaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jumper length not more than 3 inches above the top of the knee cap

			▪ Slit in jumper
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*Jackets/coats may be worn in accordance with appropriate weather conditions. Wearing jackets in the classroom will be at the discretion of the teacher/principal.

The principal/assistant principal reserves the right to question the dress of any student and if the administrator concludes the attire is inappropriate the administrator may keep the student out of class until he or she is appropriately dressed. At the first violation of the dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to call parents to bring proper clothing. Any further violations of the dress code will result in automatic disciplinary assignments.

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.

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The West Orange-Cove CISD has a dress code for students in grades PK-8. The dress code gives the school a positive and distinctive identity and reflects the values of the schools and community. All students are required to wear the specified dress each day except for those days designated by school administration.

Purpose: The West Orange-Cove CISD believes the adoption of this dress standard will improve the educational environment for our students. A dress code will help identify students at West Orange-Cove CISD students in situations involving safety and security. The District believes this code will instill pride, and help foster unity among the students, thereby reducing discipline problems and improving opportunities for educational endeavors.

Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks (mock or regular)

- All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times and must stay tucked in when arms are raised.
- Logos optional (1 ½ x 1 ½ inches).
- PK-5 any school related logo.
- Spirit shirts, with logos larger than 1 ½ x 1 ½ may be worn on designated school spirit days.
- All shirts and blouses must be buttoned from the first button past the collar.
- No stripes, checks or other designs on shirts, blouses and turtlenecks.
- Sleeveless shirts/blouses or shirts/blouses with cap sleeves are not allowed.
- Thermal type shirts are not allowed.
- No zippered shirts or blouses.

Slacks, Pants, Shorts

- Slacks and pants must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
- Belts optional for PK as long as the pants fit tightly in the waist.
- Logos or labels on slacks and pants must be no larger than 1 inch by 1 inch.
- No sweatpants, wind pants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups or coveralls.
- Corduroy and jean (denim) material is not allowed. Khaki colored denim is not acceptable.

- Baggy style legged slacks or pants are not allowed.
- Shorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
- Soccer or boxer style shorts are not allowed except in PE/Athletics.
- No carpenter style pants.

Skirts, Skorts

Skirts and skorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back). Logos (name brand) or labels on skirts or skorts must be no larger than 1 inch by 1 inch. Skirts may have a kick-pleat (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee), but not a slit.

Jumpers

- Jumpers must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
- Dress code shirt, blouse, or turtleneck (mock or regular) must be worn under the jumper at all times.
- Kick pleats are allowed (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee); slits are not allowed.
- Uniform style dresses (navy, khaki).

Outer-wear: Sweatshirts, Sweaters

- Sweatshirts and sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length; must be worn over uniform shirt, blouse or turtleneck (mock or regular) and must be in school colors.
- Logos optional (1 ½ x 1 ½ inches).
- Any school related logo.
- Sleeveless or capped sleeve sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Hoods do not count as collars.

Other Guidelines

- Leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, and denim materials are not allowed except for coats, jackets, and windbreakers.
- Coats may be worn in accordance with appropriate weather conditions. Wearing coats in the classroom will be at the discretion of the teacher/principal.
- Spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements nor may the garment be too tight.
- Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building are not allowed.
- Overall pants, overall shorts, and overall jumpers are not allowed.
- Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except in PE/Athletics.
- All clothing must be solid colored.
- Students must comply with District standards for grooming and accessories as outlined in the Alternate/Interim Student Dress Code.
- Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed.
- No designs cut in hair. Part(s) are permitted

The District standard for grooming and appearance for hair, general appearance of clothing, jewelry and other accessories are addressed in the Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code in the Student Handbook.

Campus administrators will have discretion in all matters concerning interpretation of appropriate dress determined in the board approved dress code.

ALTERNATIVE/INTERIM STUDENT DRESS CODE

This policy is only for new students to the District and students with school board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the District have 7 calendar days to comply with the dress policy. Students in the process of opt-out appeal (see FNCA (Local) for process and timelines) must comply with alternative/interim dress code guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the student dress policy guidelines.

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hairstyles, make-up, or other attractions, but would in the opinion of the principal tend to promote student disruption, jeopardize students' conduct or otherwise interfere with the educational process. (Clothing containing offensive slogans, symbols, and other suggestive or controversial designs are not allowed.)

Shirts, Blouses, and Tops

- These articles must be collared and are to be buttoned from the first button below the collar downward.
- These articles are to be tucked in.
- Length of all tops should be long enough to tuck in and stay in even when the arms are raised.
- All tops (etc.) should cover the back, shoulders, and stomach. No skin is to show at the waist at any time.
- Unhemmed or sleeveless tops are not acceptable for boys and girls.
- No t-shirts allowed. (Exception spirit days, college days, etc.)

Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts and Jumpers

- Slacks and trousers are to be full length and worn at the waist. Skirts and skorts also must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts for boys and girls must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- Athletic and soccer type shorts (with or without a logo) are not allowed. Only walking shorts are permissible with a belt (at specified grade levels).
- Spandex, wind shorts, wind pants, or warm-ups are not permissible.
- Skirts, skorts, shorts, jumpers and similar attire must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee in front and back.
- Pants and shorts must be worn with a belt. (Belts are optional PK-5 grade provided the pants/shorts fit tight in the waist.)

Head and Footwear

- Students shall not wear hats, caps, or other head coverings inside the building. Exceptions may be made upon written request to the principal based on religious or health reasons.
- Students must wear appropriate shoes at all times.
- No backless shoes will be allowed.

General Appearance of All Clothing (District Standard for Grooming and Appearance)

- Frayed, cut off, or tattered clothing is not allowed.

- Student attire should be modest and appropriate in length, fit and design.
- Sufficient underclothing is required.
- Clinging or transparent clothing is unacceptable.
- Articles sporting messages that are obscene or suggestive or that pertain to alcohol, narcotics, tobacco, or other controlled substances shall not be worn to school.
- Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately.
- Clothing may be NO more than one size larger than the student's measurements.

Jewelry and Other Accessories (District Standard for Grooming and Appearance)

- Make-up and artificial nails will not be allowed.
- Excessive jewelry and jewelry causing a distraction is not allowed.
- All tattoos must be covered and hidden from view.
- Jewelry used in conjunction with body piercing (such as nose rings or tongue studs) is prohibited.
- Students are not to wear sunshades or sunglasses to school unless they provide a note from their physician stating the need to do so.

Dress Code Violations

The principal/assistant principal reserves the right to question the dress of any student, and if either sees fit, to keep a student out of class until he/she is appropriately dressed.

At the first violation of the dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to call parents to bring proper clothing. Any further violation of the dress code will result in automatic disciplinary assignment.

Extra Curricular Dress Code

With respect to any extracurricular activities, the principal, in conjunction with the sponsor, coach or other person in charge of such activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of participating students if the principal, sponsor, or coach reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

Creates a hazard to the student's own safety or to the safety of others, or

Will prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for activity to achieve its goals.

Such regulation may include denying the student permission to participate in the extracurricular activity or to go on extracurricular trips.

Compliance: If a non-exempt student attends school in violation of the dress policy, the following disciplinary steps will be taken:

- The student will be placed immediately in isolation on the campus, either until the parent can bring appropriate clothing or for the entire day, whichever comes first.
- The student may be sent to ISS for a minimum of 3 days for the second infraction.
- If the student still refuses to comply, the student will remain in ISS for a maximum of two weeks.

Disciplinary action will not be taken against a student:

During the process of appeal.

Wearing the uniform of a nationally recognized organization (such as boys or girls scouting) on a regular meeting day (the 3” rule is applicable to the length of these uniforms as well as the standard school uniform such as cheerleader or drill team) when approved by the campus administrator.

Non-Dress Code Days

- Administrator(s) shall have authority to waive the wearing of the school dress for certain days, parts of days, special events, or special activities. Students who choose not to participate in the special days are expected to abide by the dress code.
- Parents needing special assistance with the standardized dress code will meet with the building principal. Special note—having a child on the free-reduced lunch program does not automatically qualify for assistance.

Final authority: Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered above shall be within the discretion of the administrator.