

**Wharton Independent School District  
2018-19 Elementary Student Dress Code**

**Dress and Personal Appearance**

The district's dress and grooming code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for authority. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, that prevents safety hazards to themselves or others, and that promotes a positive self-image and impression for both the student and those around him or her.

The staff of the school is authorized to enforce the district's dress and grooming code. Interpretation of these codes is entirely within their judgment. **Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee and cannot be appealed.**

**Attire**

The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interfere with normal school operations. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on jewelry that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or that advertise alcohol or tobacco products or any other substance prohibited under board policy FNCF(L). Any frayed clothing (shirts, shorts, jeans, dresses, etc.) that shows skin or undergarments will not be allowed.

**Shirts:**

- Shirts will be clean and neat.
- Shirts may be tucked in or worn outside the pants. However, shirts that are not tucked in must not extend below the hip.
- See-through shirts are not permitted.
- Spaghetti strap, halter-type, backless, low cut, tight, or revealing shirts are not permitted.

**Pants/Dresses:**

- Girls may wear capris, jumpers, skorts and skirts that are within two inches of the top of the knee. Spaghetti straps, halter-type, backless, low cut, tight, or revealing dresses are prohibited.
- Leggings may be worn as long as the over-garment comes below the hip.
- Pants must be worn at the waist. No sagging or low rise pants will be permitted. No holes in pants showing skin or undergarments will be permitted.
- Wind pants and sweatpants are not permitted.
- No baggy clothing will be allowed. The waist size of pants may not exceed the natural waist size by more than one (1) inch.

**Shorts:**

- Shorts must be within two inches of the top of the knee.
- Athletic or swim-type shorts are not allowed.

**Jeans:**

- No sagging, low rise, tight, skinny jeans, jeans with holes or hip huggers will be permitted.

**Accessories:**

- Boys may have one (1) stud earring in each ear. No excessively long nails will be allowed.
- Tattoos must not be visible at school or during participation at school events. It is the student's responsibility to cover the tattoo with clothing or bandages while at school or participating in school events.
- Bracelets, chains, belts and other ornamental and excessive jewelry that present a distraction, disruption, or a potential danger to self or others or to school property, may not be worn.
- Students shall not bring sunglasses, hats, caps, sweatbands, or do-rags, to school, except upon a physician's order.

**Hair:**

- Any haircut which is deemed by the administration to be inappropriate in style or design will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
- Boys hair length must be above the collar; bangs must be out of eyes.
- Unnatural hair colors/dyes are prohibited for all students—even as a highlight or a clip-on extension. Examples of unnatural hair colors are blue, purple, pink, green, and bright red.

**Footwear:**

- Sandals may not be worn in PE class or the science lab.
- Tennis shoes or closed-toed shoes that have a back or a strap are required for physical education class.
- Shoes with retractable rollers (including heellies) are not permitted.

**Purses:**

- Purses must not be larger than 12 inches x 12 inches x 6 inches. No large beach or tote bags will be allowed to be used as a purse.

**Backpacks:**

- Backpacks with wheels will **NOT** be allowed.