

Wharton Independent School District

2018-2019 WJH/WHS Dress Code

Dress and Personal Appearance:

Wharton JH/HS has a dress and grooming code that is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for oneself and others. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, that will not be a safety hazard to themselves or others, and that promotes a positive self-image and impression for both the student and those around him or her. Given that school is the student's environment where he/she will learn social skills and the proper way to interact with peers and persons of authority, they are expected to dress in a way appropriate to that environment.

The staff of the school is authorized to enforce the district's dress and grooming code. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming standards rests with the **Principal and his/her designee and cannot be appealed.**

General

- A. Any clothing, jewelry, accessories or tattoos with decorations, patches, lettering advertisements, etc. that may be considered obscene or offensive are not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry or accessories having criminal street gang identifiers, accessories that may be used as weapons, and accessories having drug, sex, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage references or designs.
- B. Clothing should be appropriately sized.
- C. Form fitting garments such as Spandex/leggings may only be worn with a dress/skirt that meets dress code standards.
- D. The display of cleavage is unacceptable. Low cut blouses, tops, sweaters, etc. with plunging necklines are not allowed.
- E. Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not be a distraction to the learning environment.
- F. Wharton High School will only allow clear or mesh backpacks for all students.
- G. Wharton Junior High School will allow backpacks without wheels.

Shirts:

- A. Shirts will be clean and neat.
- B. Sleeveless, strapless tops are not allowed.
- C. Shirts/tops must touch the waist of pants/skirts at all times (i.e., when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.)
- D. The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest

finger with the student's hand fully extended down the side of the student's leg.

- E. All waist length shirts must be accompanied with a tucked undershirt.

Pants/Dresses:

- A. Dresses, capris, jumpers and skirts may be worn. The length of the garment must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- B. Dresses may not be halter type, sleeveless or strapless. Low cut fronts and/or backs are not permitted. Also, backless dresses are not permissible.
- C. No pajama bottoms, sleepwear, or lounge wear.
- D. Pants/Jeans shall not have holes in them.
- E. Pants will be worn at the waist at all times. **NO SAGGING AT ANY TIME.** Pants that do not fit (are more than one size too big for the waist) will not be worn unless the student has a belt that keeps the pants in dress code.

Shorts:

- A. Shorts are allowed at Wharton High School. Short length is the same as dresses or skirts; the length of the garment must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.

Accessories:

- A. Visible piercings allowed ONLY in the ears.

Hair:

- A. Hair should be kept neat, clean and reasonably styled.
- B. Hair color should be only natural hair colors.

Footwear:

- A. Cleats of any material are not allowed.
- B. Only shoes with rigid soles are permitted.

Restrictions:

- A. Caps, hats and any form of knit cap need to be removed before entering the building.
- B. Jackets with hoods may be worn; students **will not wear hoods in the building at any time.** Students who break this rule will be written up and have their jackets confiscated. Their parents will need to pick up the jacket at the end of the day.
- C. Sunglasses are not permitted in the building.