

**WEST OSO ISD
SECONDARY DRESS CODE
2008-2009**



The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instills discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect to authority. *Reference FNCA (Local)*

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; allowing them to enhance high standards of achievement and behavior. 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 gang activities.*

Clothing Items	Acceptable Dress	Special Comments and Interpretations
Shirts Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any solid color, striped, or plaid polo style shirt • Any solid color, striped, or plaid oxford style shirt • Any color t-shirt (Except White) • Any color blouse • School spirit shirts may be worn any day of the week <p><i>Shirts and blouses must be tucked in.</i></p> <p><i>Polo style shirt is with 2-3 buttons and a collar. Shirts and blouses may be long or short sleeve.</i></p>	<p>Students are prohibited from wearing shirts/blouses that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depict or reference alcoholic beverages, drugs, violence, vulgar, or obscene or profane slogans or other emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a disruption or interference with normal school operations. • No see through shirts or blouses • No halter tops • No tank tops without t-shirt underneath • No spaghetti straps, low cut, backless, sleeveless, or shirts that may reveal the belly button • No form-fitting materials (Example: Spandex) • Exclude White t-shirts
Pants Slacks	<p>All acceptable pants/slacks must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist at all times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any color pants/slacks • Capri pants • Wind pants 	<p>Pants/slacks may not be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touching the ground or covering the foot • No form-fitting materials (Example: Spandex) • Baggy, wide-legged, oversized, fringed or have conspicuous holes • No carpenter pants • No pajama like pants • No sweat pants • No sagging garments <p><i>If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn. If students choose to wear pants with an elastic waistband, then no belt is necessary.</i></p>
Dresses Shorts Skorts Skirts	<p>Dresses/shorts/skorts/skirts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn at the waist (skirts/shorts) • No shorter than a dollar bill width horizontally from top of knee • Fit loosely enough to facilitate free movement and modest appearance <p><i>Dress tops must meet the guidelines required for blouses and shirts.</i></p>	<p>Dresses/shorts/skorts/skirts/may not be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baggy or oversized • No slits on the sides • Immodestly split at the hem or seams • No Basketball shorts • No sagging garments

Sweaters Vest Turtlenecks Jackets	Sweaters/vest/turtlenecks/jackets must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriately sized • Any color 	Students are prohibited from wearing sweaters/vest/turtlenecks/jackets that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depict or reference alcoholic beverages, drugs, violence, vulgar, or obscene or profane slogans or other emblems or writing that may be expected to cause a disruption or interference with normal school operations. • No trench coats or “dusters” • No hoods in school facilities
Shoes	Shoes must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn at all times and chosen for safety, health reasons and for quietness • Sandals, as long as they have a heel strap • Tennis shoes acceptable • Dress shoes, loafers acceptable 	Shoes not allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach style sandals • Flip flops • House shoes
Hair	Hair must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, well-groomed and out of the eyes • Styled in a way that is neither distracting nor conspicuous • Facial hair must be neat and groomed appropriately 	Hair must not be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distracting or disruptive hair styles (such as “spiked” hair or shaved designs with logos, etc.) • Non-natural colored hair (such as green, blue, purple, etc.) • Long hair; for boys should not fall below shirt collar. Hairpins, hairnets, or rubber bands should not be used to give the appearance of shorter hair. • No rollers or long-handled combs to be worn in hair
Jewelry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earrings that are not a safety hazard may be worn • Hair jewelry that is not a safety hazard may be worn by females • Watches, bracelets, rings, and necklaces that are not a safety hazard may be worn by all students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body piercing other than earrings is not acceptable • No dangling earrings for boys • No heavy or spiked jewelry (such as dog collars or heavy chains)
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-approved uniforms for physical education, athletics, pep rallies, etc., may be worn only during the class, activity or event for which they are approved • For unique special events the campus administrator may establish event-specific dress code requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats, caps, headbands, or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors except in the interest of safety, cleanliness, religious observances or with the permission of the principal • No article shall be worn that will in any way create a safety hazard, or create a distraction • Clothing may not reference music groups, tobacco product, alcoholic beverages, drugs, nudity, sex, death, violence, gang affiliation, obscene or profane slogans or other emblems or writing • No chains on clothing, wallets or as necklaces • No bandanas, hairnets, skull caps, or doo rags
Backpacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear/see through backpacks only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backpacks that prevent/hide items from view