

# West Orange-Cove CISD

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## Facts about us!



**West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District** believes that we, as educators, influence the future by concentrating the energies of the school and community on producing graduates with unlimited capacity to compete in a diverse society. The district's six campuses educate approximately 3,700 students from the cities of Orange, Pinehurst, and West Orange. These cities are located approximately 120 miles southeast of Houston on the Texas/Louisiana border.

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## PK - 8 Dress Code

### STUDENT DRESS

The West Orange-Cove CISD has a dress code for PreK-8 campuses. 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 code will improve the educational environment for our students. A dress code will help identify students as West Orange Cove-CISD students in situations involving safety and security. The district believes this dress code will instill pride in our students and help foster unity among the students, thereby reducing discipline problems and improving opportunities for educational endeavors.

#### Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks (mock or regular)

Style: PK-4

Boys: Polo, oxford (button-down collar), turtleneck (mock or regular)

Girls: Polo, oxford (button-down collar), turtleneck (mock or regular) round collar blouse (no trim on collar)

#### Grade 5 and 6

Boys: Polo, turtleneck (mock or regular)

Girls: Polo, turtleneck (mock or regular)

#### Grade 7 and 8

Boys: Polo, turtleneck (mock or regular)

Girls: Polo, turtleneck (mock or regular)

Color: PK-4 boys and girls: navy, white, grey

Grade 5 and 6 - boys and girls: navy, white, grey

Grade 7 and 8 - boys and girls: navy, white, grey

- ✚ 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-8 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

Style: PK-4

Boys: Docker style

Girls: Docker style

Grade 5 and 6

Boys: Docker style

Girls: Docker style

Grade 7 and 8

Boys: Docker style

Girls: Docker style

Color: PK-4 boys and girls: navy or khaki

Grade 5 and 6 – navy or khaki

Grade 7 and 8 – navy or khaki

- ✚ Slacks and pants must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
- ✚ Belts (black or brown): optional for PK-6 as long as the pants fit tightly in the waist. Grades 7 required at all times
- ✚ Logos or labels on slacks and pants must be no larger than 1 inch by 1 inch
- ✚ No sweatpants, windpants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups or coveralls
- ✚ Corduroy and jean (denim) material is not allowed.
- ✚ Baggy style legged slacks or pants are not allowed.
- ✚ No capri style pants or khaki colored jeans
- ✚ 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 cargo or carpenter style pants.

## Skirts, Skorts

Style: PK-4

Skirts: any style but straight

Skorts: any style

Color: navy, khaki

Grades 5 and 6

Skirts: any style but straight

Skorts: any style

Color: navy, khaki

Grades 7 and 8

Skirts: any style but straight

Skorts: any style

Color: navy, khaki

- ✚ Skirts and skorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in 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 sli

## Jumpers

Style: PK-4

V-neck, round-neck, square-neck

Grade 5 and 6

V-neck only

Grade 7 and 8

none

Color: PK-6 navy, khaki

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Dresses are not allowed.

## **Outer-wear: Sweatshirts, Sweaters**

Style: PK-4

Boys: Sweaters, sweatshirts

Girls: Sweaters, sweatshirts

Grade 5 and 6

Boys: Sweaters, sweatshirts

Girls: Sweaters, sweatshirts

Grade 7 and 8

Boys: Sweaters, sweatshirts

Girls: Sweaters, sweatshirts

Color: PK-4 boys and girls: navy, grey

Grade 5 and 6 - boys and girls: navy, grey

Grade 7 and 8 - boys and girls: navy, grey

- ✚ Sweatshirts and sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length. They must be worn over uniform shirt, blouse or turtleneck (mock or regular).
- ✚ Logos optional (1 ½ x 1 ½ inches)  
Any school related logo
- ✚ No stripes, checks, or other designs on sweatshirts, vests and sweaters
- ✚ Sleeveless or capped sleeve sweatshirts are not allowed
- ✚ Hoods do not count as collars.

## **Blazers**

PK-8 boys and girls: navy, khaki, grey

## 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, creates a distraction.
- ✦ All clothing must be properly hemmed.

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.

Administrators will have complete and final judgement on all matters concerning interpretation of the dress policy. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in the dress policy shall be within the discretion of the administration.

PK-8 grade students, regardless of placement, must abide by the dress code.

### **Merchants carrying Dress Code Items**

**(These merchants have notified West Orange - Cove that they will carry items, other merchants wishing to be added to this list should contact the WO-C Public Information Office.)**

A & G Fashions	811 W. John Ave., Orange
Beall's	Central Mall, Pt. Arthur

F & F	1913 Strickland Dr., Orange
Heel 2 Toe Boutique	1719 N. 6th St., Orange
Mary's Monograms	Lake Charles, La.
Penny's	Parkdale Mall, Beaumont
Terry's Men's Fashions	MacArthur Shopping Center, Orange
Tiffany's Centerstage	1601 16th St., Orange
Walmart	West Orange
Sears	Parkdale Mall, Beaumont

### **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 21 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.

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves so as not to:

Lead school officials reasonably to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities, or

Create a hazard to the student's own health or safety or to the health or safety of others.

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hair styles, 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.)

Students will keep themselves neatly groomed and dressed and will keep their hair neat and clean. Grooming and dress that will disturb, interfere with, or detract from school activities will not be allowed. Neatly groomed and dressed shall be defined as dress and grooming that is standard and conforms to local community and school district etiquette and decorum. It is within these principles that West Orange-Cove CISD will enforce the following dress code items, specifically but not limited to:

#### **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.

## 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 except in physical education classes.

Athletic and soccer type shorts (with or without a logo) are not allowed (except in PE). 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-6 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.

## GENERAL APPEARANCE OF ALL CLOTHING (District Standard for Grooming and Appearance)

Frayed, cut off, or tattered clothing is not allowed, even in P.E. classes.

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)

Excessive makeup and/or jewelry 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

Shorts or other abbreviated clothing may be worn only in areas where physical education activities are conducted. The longer "shorts" shall be allowed in the classroom but shall be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap. Athletic or soccer type shorts with or without a logo are not allowed at any length; only standardized dress walking shorts are permissible. Two violations of the "3 inches above the top of the kneecap" shorts rule shall result in loss of privilege to wear shorts for the semester.

#### 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.

#### OTHER GUIDELINES

The "District Standard for Grooming and Appearance" applies to all students.

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#### 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.

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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.

If the student still refuses to comply following the two-week ISS assignment, the principal will pursue due process for DAEP.

Disciplinary action will not be taken against a student:

During the process of appeal.

Wearing the uniform or 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) when approved by the campus administrator.

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### Non-Uniform 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 will meet with the building principal. Special note—having a child on the free-reduced lunch program does not automatically qualify for assistance.

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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.

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Opt-out Provision: The following procedure shall be followed if the parent or guardian desires to exempt his/her child from the dress code policy in accordance with FNCA (Local).

Request in person an Application for Exemption from the Dress Code. This document can be obtained at the student's school site.

Complete the application for exemption in full and submit it to the student's school principal. The building principal will aid parents in solving the problem.

Meet with the designated building principal to discuss the dress code policy and the nature of the objections to the policy. The purposes of this meeting include (a) ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the dress code policy, (b) preventing fraud and misrepresentation (c) verifying the accuracy of the information on the application).

Students who are denied an opt-out exemption will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of ruling to come into compliance.

Meet with a designated district administrator to discuss the nature of the parental objection(s) to the policy.

In the event a student opts out, the student must wear the correct clothing colors.

Evaluation: The elementary, intermediate and middle school SBDM and DEIC committees will evaluate the mandatory student dress program at the conclusion of the first year of implementation. The District will design an evaluation process for use district-wide. The DEIC committee shall maintain the right to make recommendations to the Superintendent and Board based on evaluation results or perceived needs for change.

