



## Wood MS Dress Code

Effective Date 2011-2012

This school year, our students will not have a mandatory uniform. They will be allowed to have “free dress” and adhere to the NEISD student dress code policy as stated in the NEISD Student Handbook. Some specifics are:

- Halter tops, exposed midriffs, strapless and/or low cut tops, exposed backs, spaghetti straps, see-through clothing, and tank shirts are prohibited.
- Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are offensive or inflammatory (alcoholic beverage, sex, tobacco, drugs, gang, satanic, promoting violence, etc.) are prohibited.
- Hair must be neat and clean. Unconventional hairstyles (multi-colored, spiked, Mohawk, etc.) that are considered to be distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment are prohibited.
- Appropriate footwear is required. Footwear that has toes and /or soles reinforced with steel, hard plastic or similar materials is prohibited. Additionally, flip flops, slippers, sandals, shower shoes or any other open-toed footwear is prohibited due to safety concerns.
- Shorts will be permitted provided that the shorts are neatly hemmed and conservative and modest in appearance. The principal shall determine the appropriate length of shorts. However, the shorts must not be higher than lower-thigh. Specifically prohibited are cutoffs, frayed-hem shorts, bicycle shorts, gym shorts, basketball shorts, form fitting and skin-tight shorts or pants of Lycra, Spandex, or other similar materials.
- Pants shall be worn securely at the waist.
- Torn clothing and worn and frayed jeans or other pants are prohibited.
- Dresses, skirts, culottes, and split-skirts will be permitted provided that they are neatly hemmed, conservative, and modest in appearance. These articles of clothing will not be shorter than lower-thigh in length. Excessively high slits in skirts will not be permitted.
- Body piercing ornaments and other simulated ornaments will be worn on the lower ear lobe only. Displaying tattoos and similar body painting(s) that promote violence, reflect gang activity, and that are considered to be offensive and inflammatory are prohibited.
- Hats, caps, or other head apparel are prohibited.
- Any other wearing apparel or attire that is considered to be distracting and/or disruptive to the educational environment is prohibited.

While it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion as to the appropriateness of dress and grooming, the final determination will be in the judgment of the building principal. The student who does not comply with this code will be removed from the regular school setting until the student complies with this code.

Students who do not comply with this code will be subject to the following consequences:

- Students found out of dress code will be referred to the appropriate administrator where he/she will be logged into our records for a dress code violation.
- The student will be required to change. He/She may call home for a change of clothing or change into clothing borrowed from Wood MS if available. The student will be removed from the regular school setting until he/she is in compliance with the dress code.
- Inappropriate clothing will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day for a first violation. After the first violation, confiscated items will only be released to a parent. Confiscated clothing that has not been picked up by the end of each nine weeks will be donated to a charitable organization
- Repeated violations of the dress code will result in additional disciplinary consequences.