



# WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## DRESS CODE (2011-2012 School Year)



*The West Oso Independent School District is committed to providing a "Quality" educational opportunity to each student enrolled in the District. Research has concluded that neither students, nor teachers, are able to perform at their highest level in an environment that contains elements of fear or threat, whether real or perceived.*

**PURPOSE:** The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instills discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect to authority. (FNCA – LOCAL) *The desire of the Dress Code Committee was to present the changes in a positive format, however, the most effective manner in which to explain the changes is to list the prohibited dress/or grooming practices.*

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:** 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. 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.**

**UNIFORMS REQUIRED:** The Board has determined that the use of school uniforms will improve the learning environment for District students and has adopted the use of school uniforms as specified in the rules. Uniforms are defined in this policy as one or more specific kinds of articles of clothing commonly available at a variety of retail outlets that are required to be worn by students during normal school hours or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property.

**The following shall apply:**

1. All students enrolled in the District school shall wear uniforms.
2. Uniforms shall be made up of the following:

**A. SHIRTS:** Colors: **Red, White, Black or Navy**

**Style:** short or long sleeve "oxford" or "polo" style shirts with 2-3 buttons and a collar, or any "spirit" shirt that promotes West Oso ISD *or the designated campus. School Spirit Shirts will be allowed on designated days, determined by the campus principals.*

**Fit:** shirts must be a standard or classic fit and must be tucked in at all times  
No logos, designs or lettering are allowed.

**B. Pants:** Style and Colors "Docker" style pants in navy, **black** or khaki. "Blue" jeans **or black** denim jeans; must be classic cut or straight-legged

**Fit:** must fit properly around the waist, must be appropriately sized. If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn at the waist but, if students choose to wear pants with elastic bands, then no belt is necessary.

**C: Shorts/Jumpers/Skorts/Skirts:** Only **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** may wear shorts/jumpers/skorts/skirts. Same as pant color and fit properly. Must come to within two inches of the top of the knee (dollar Bill rule) and must have no slits.

**D: Sweaters/Vests:** Red, White, Black, or Navy  
Must be appropriately sized  
Must be worn over required oxford or polo style shirt  
No logos, designs or lettering are allowed.

**E: Turtlenecks:** Red, White, Black, or Navy  
Must be appropriately sized  
Must be worn under the required oxford or polo style shirt  
No logos, designs or lettering are allowed.

**F: Jackets:** Red, White, Black, or Navy  
Must be appropriately sized  
No logos, designs or lettering are allowed.

**G: Footwear:** Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. ***The following are prohibited:*** Thongs, beach sandals, or other open-toed shoes that do not have straps to secure them, and footwear that has toes reinforced with steel, hard plastic, or similar materials.

**H. Hair:** Hair must be clean and well groom at all times. Hair for boys shall be well groomed, kept out of the eyes, should not fall below a shirt collar, and not be longer than half of the ear. (Hairpins, hairnets, or rubber bands shall not be used to give the appearance of shorter hair.) Hairstyles that are disruptive will not be tolerated. (Facial hair is not allowed.) (See prohibited grooming)

## **The following modes of dress or grooming are prohibited:**

### **Clothing**

- *Clothing, including tee shirts, which displays music groups, sex, violence, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, death, gang or hate slogans or pictures (under FNCF-Legal)*
- *Pants worn below the waist ("sagging" garments are not acceptable)*
- *Trench coats or "dusters"*
- *Oversized or overlong baggy jeans, cargo pants. (pants with pant legs that totally cover or hide the shoes are inappropriate)*
- *House shoes or military-type boots; shoes without a heel strap.*
- *Chains on clothing, wallets or as necklaces.*
- *Any inappropriate worn, torn, or mode of clothing that is disruptive. (e.g. tops or pants that are too tight, holes/slits on pants, etc.)*

## **Grooming**

- *Non-natural colored hair such as green, blue, purple, orange, cherry-red, white, etc. is not allowed.*
- *Distracting hair styles such as “spiked” hair or shaved designs with logos, Mohawks, dreadlocks, rattails, etc. are not allowed. An exception to this requirement must be substantiated with a letter signed by clergy (and verified by administration) that the request is due to religious purposes.*
- *Hair for boys shall be well groomed, kept out of the eyes, should not fall below a shirt collar, and not be longer than half of the ear. (Hairpins, hairnets, or rubber bands shall not be used to give the appearance of shorter hair.) Hairstyles that are disruptive will not be tolerated. (Facial hair is not allowed.)*
- *Hats, caps, sunglasses, bandannas, hairnets, skull caps, rollers or long-handled combs worn in the hair are not to be brought inside the building or wherever administration states that such items are not allowed.*
- *Body piercing jewelry is not allowed. (Eye brow rings, nose rings, lip rings or any other areas except for the ear.) Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.*
- *Heavy or spiked jewelry such as dog collars or heavy chains is not allowed.*
- *Tattoos, writing on body or body paint are not allowed.*

The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL)

These rules apply to all District campuses and facilities and to any locations off-campus where District students are receiving classroom instruction (e.g. official class field trips, internships, or other programs hosted outside the District.)

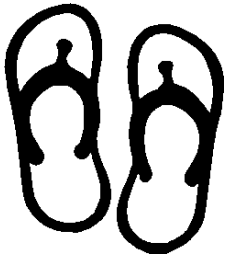
**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** The principal, in cooperation with sponsors, coaches, or other persons in charge of an extracurricular activity may implement a stricter dress code. Students involved in extracurricular activities who violate the dress code will be subjected to disciplinary action specified but not limited to the Student Code of Conduct. **SPECIAL NOTE: All students are expected to be in Dress Code when attending school related activities (such as football games, band recitals, school fun nights, etc.)**



## Dress Code Glossary of Clothes and Fashion Terms

Appropriately sized - proper fitting, no sagging, not oversized, or baggy. Pant must not sag below the waist and must not touch the floor.

Beach sandals - rubber soled flats with elastic or plastic strap (also called “thongs”)



Belt loops - waist band loops where the belt is secured (*Elastic pants usually do not have belt loops.*)

Cargo pants - loose, baggy pants with a number of pockets placed in the front, on the sides, and in the back. Pockets are small, large, and medium sized.



**Designs** - decorative or artistic work (example: drawings on a shirt/pant, stripes, and pictures)

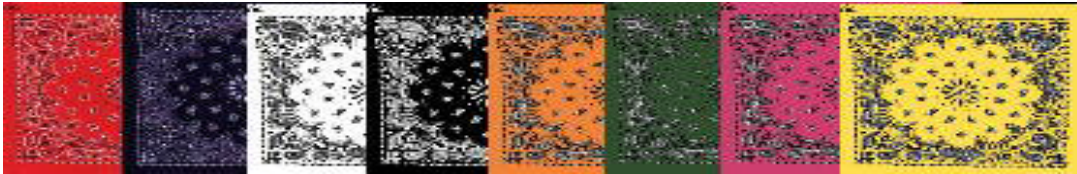
“Docker” style pants – No Wrinkle Cotton twill with side slash pockets and a back pocket.



Dress Code - is written or unwritten which indicates what rules should or should not be worn by a group of people

Fit - is a general term which refers to how tight or loose a garment is on the person who is wearing it

Gang Related Attire - clothing apparel that is associated with gangs (such as long belts, colored shoelaces, colored handkerchiefs, and other items



Lettering - numbers or letters

Logos -



trademark of a company (for example: "Tommy" or "Polo")



"Oxford" Style Shirt - A short/long sleeved cotton shirt with a chest front pocket, double button cuff, and button down banded collar.



"Polo" Style Shirt -

*A long /short sleeved polyester sport shirt with a welt collar and two or three button front*



*Prohibited -*

*Not allowed, not acceptable, not permitted*

School Uniform - A dress apparel (clothing, shoes, and accessories) worn by school students that is consistent in appearance.

## Girls



## Boys



Standard or Classic Fit -

Regular tailored pants or jeans

Straight legged -

Pant leg that is cut straight (No  
Flares, no Bells, no wide leg



*"Tucked-In"* - *Shirt placed inside the pants at the **waistline***