

**Wiggs Middle School
Uniform Policy 2019-20**

SAFETY of our students is the primary purpose of our uniform policy. The entire uniform and dress code applies to all students **once they arrive on campus** and remains in effect until they leave campus. **Items not specifically listed below as acceptable may not be worn on campus.**

Pants, Shorts, Skorts, and Skirts

- Solid (no logo) navy or khaki-colored pants
- Must be pulled up to the waist
- Pleated, regular, or relaxed fit only
- Must fit the waist size, pants length ***must not*** fall below the tops of the shoes, shorts length cannot be below the knee and ***cannot be*** shorter than mid-thigh when hands are held straight at the student's sides, capri length is acceptable for females
- One-piece polo/skirt combination allowed

NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME

- Mini-skirts and ankle-length skirts are prohibited for safety reasons
- Cut, frayed, or slit bottom hems, rolled-up pants
- Patches, embroidery, or drawings may not be added to any part of the uniform
- Pants that are **SKINNY or TIGHT, stretchy, jean-type material, hip-hugger, low-rider, wide-legged, baggy fit, bell-bottomed, cargo, multiple pocket, carpenter style, joggers**
- Leggings or jeggings

Belts and Stockings

- Belts are optional
- If worn, belts must be inside belt loops, belt buckles may not be larger than the belt loops, they cannot be a safety issue, associated with gang activities, or deemed inappropriate
- Long stockings and tights may be worn, but only **plain white, gray, UTEP orange, or navy blue** and must be worn under the uniform

Shirts and Sweatshirts

- **Solid** (no logo or name brand) **white, gray, navy blue, or UTEP orange** polo shirts
- 3- button maximum, with short or long sleeves that ***may not be rolled or modified in any way***
- ***Shirts may not be altered in any way***
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times and be long enough to remain tucked in while seated, they may not be tight
- Undergarments may not show through the shirt
- **Solid** sweatshirts, hoodies, or zip-up sweaters in gray, UTEP orange, or navy blue are permitted for the classroom, ***without logo or name brands*** worn over polo shirts
- Sweatshirts may also be worn during PE, may not be worn around the waist
- T-shirts/undershirts/turtlenecks are optional and ***must be*** solid white, gray, UTEP orange, or navy blue ***without logo, designs, or name brands (to include, but not limited to):*** pictures, Moose, Polo, Hollister, Abercrombie, mascots, sports teams, etc.
- ***PE t-shirts may not be worn under uniform polo shirts***

Jackets/Coats/Windbreakers/non-Wiggs Sweatshirts

- ***Must be stored in lockers throughout the day and may not be worn in classrooms***
- May be worn before and after school; during lunch **ONLY** if weather warrants it (discretion of administration)
- Must be age appropriate and may not be a distraction or safety issue
- Plaid flannel shirt-type jackets are not permitted

Shoes

- Closed shoes, tennis shoes, and casual shoes are allowed
- Steel-toed shoes/boots, flip-flops, opened toe, backless shoes, sandals and house-shoe type slippers *are NOT permitted*
- Seasonal boots *during colder weather* are permitted

Jewelry, Hair Color, Makeup, and Other Items

- Jewelry must be age appropriate and not related to gangs
- If jewelry becomes a distraction (i.e., plastic bracelets) or safety issue, school administrators will address the matter on an individual basis
- No hair accessories that distract from the learning environment (as per administration's discretion)
- *Necklaces* must be kept under the shirt
- *Pierced earrings* are acceptable with limitations
- *Not allowed: body-piercing jewelry, such as studs in the lip, nose, eyebrow, or tongue, "grilz," gauges, large hoops, spikes, nuts/bolts; tattoos of ANY type – permanent or temporary*

NOT PERMITTED AT ANYTIME

- Choke chains, chokers, and wallet chains
- *Unnatural colors of hair (meaning any color that is different than the student's natural hair color), such as, but not limited to: red, orange, pink, purple, green, blue, or bleached hair*
- When in doubt, school administrators will determine inappropriate hair color and issue of distraction
- Design/lines cut into hair/scalp, shaved eye brows
- Scarves
- Writing on skin, including tattoos; stickers on face
- Overalls, caps, beanies, hats, hair nets, bandanas
- Clothing with offensive, racist, or inappropriate words, scenes, signs, slogans, or symbols
- This includes but is not limited to: clothing that promotes cigarettes, alcohol products, illegal drugs, or gang identification
- When in doubt, school administrators will determine inappropriate attire

SPECIAL DAYS

- **"Spirit/College Wednesday"** – Students may wear Wiggs extracurricular activities' shirts (still must be tucked) with uniform pants/shorts/skirts on Fridays; on Wednesdays students may wear a college T-shirt (special days are to designated by administrators)
- **"Free Dress"** – On special occasions, free dress may be allowed within appropriate guidelines, *to include, but not limited to:* no tight pants, no torn pants, no bare shoulders or midriff, no short shorts, no bare toes, no gang- or drug-related clothing; jackets and coats are to be stored in lockers, jeans should follow uniform rules for appropriateness and safety; **colored jeans are not allowed; JEANS WITH FRAYS, CUTS, HOLES, SLITS, PATCHES, DRAWINGS, OR EMBROIDERY ARE NOT PERMITTED**
- *Administrators will determine inappropriate clothing*

**Wiggs' extracurricular activities T-shirts, hoodies, etc. are considered to have appropriate logos