

**Cedar Hill Independent School District**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: June 18, 2012

Presented by: Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Consider Standardized Dress Code for 2012-13, et seq.

**Action Items**

**BOARD GOAL:**

Become a World Class district by 2015.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Board reviewed the attached Standardized Dress Code as recommended by the District Advisory Council on June 11, 2012. The issue was tabled pending further research and discussion.

In the interim, additional information has been secured. It is attached immediately preceding the DAC recommended Code.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Board consideration of and action upon a Standardized Dress Code for 2012-13.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:**

Motion to approve a Standardized Dress Code for 2012-13.

**CONTACT PERSON(S):**

Dr. Homer Carter, Chief Academic Officer  
Ronald Moss, Director of Student Assessment

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

**ENCLOSURES:**

Standardized Dress Code Executive Memo  
Proposed Standardized Dress Code



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Date: June 13, 2012

To: Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent  
Board of Trustees

From: L. Kim Lewis, Chief Operating Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Kim Lewis", written over the printed name.

Re: Standardized Dress Code

Because I was unable to speak with authority on the DAC recommendations for the standardized dress code and because I felt it might be meaningful to provide some additional information for discussion at the June 18 Board meeting, I posed 3 questions of a general nature to the CHISD principals for their input. The topics were limited to: 1) blouses/polo shirts/collared shirts, 2) belts and 3) skirts/jumpers at secondary grades.

Among the respondents here is what I discovered:

\*All but one respondent prefer the requirement of belts, but limited to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above.

\*The opinion on jumpers/skirts at secondary was evenly split. The small number of comments seem to suggest this is not a big issue.

\*All but one respondent prefer the term "collared shirt" over "polo".  
No one opined re: the term *blouse*.

Interestingly, three respondents went beyond the scope of my inquiry and suggested that shirts still need to be tucked.

Neither the respondents nor I in any way want to appear to usurp Mr. Moss or the considerable work of the DAC. We merely submit these thoughts in case they might be beneficial for the discussion.



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## District Advisory Council Dress Code Recommendations

The purpose of the dress code is to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority. Students are expected to be clean, neatly groomed and follow the dress code. Items of apparel that are considered extreme in dress or that could be associated with gang-related activities will not be allowed.

### **Student Shirts** (male and female) any day

Red, black, or white solid colored Polo shirts

Spirit T-Shirts (Cedar Hill ISD only)

Not required to be tucked

Cannot be oversized, if length below finder tips, must be tucked (Polos & Tees)

*No tank tops, halter tops, sleeveless tops, tube tops, see-through tops, low cut tops (front or back), or tops revealing the middle section of the body.*

### **Student Pants** (male and female) any day

Black or Khaki slacks

No cargos

Jeans (any color) no holes, brads are acceptable

All pants must fit at the waist and inseam, have finished hems, not sag, bag, or drag on the ground, no writing or advertisement other than product logo

All jeans must fit at the waist and inseam, have finished hems, not sag, bag, or drag on the ground, no writing or advertisement other than product logo

Belts are required for all slacks and jeans

### **Student Skirts and Jumpers**

Black, Khaki, or jean material (any color) no shorter than 5 inches from top of knee and must be hemmed.

### **No Shorts** (Grades 7 and above)

### **Jackets, Hoodies, and Heavy Coats** (male and female)

All colors and styles but no pictures, emblems, or offensive writing that is lewd, suggestive, vulgar, obscene or that advertises tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, pornography, or any other prohibited substance. No hoods worn in the buildings  
*Lightweight jackets and hoodies may be worn in the classrooms but all heavy coats may only be worn to and from school, not in the classrooms or hallways.*

### **Caps, Hats, and Bandannas**

Not to be worn inside the building

### **Hair and Jewelry**

Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair color will not be permitted. No visible body piercing will be allowed with the exception of the ears. Spacers may only be worn in the ears.

The final decision, with regard to dress code, rests with the campus principal.