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## West University Elementary School

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## 2010-2011 Dress Code Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to promote a positive self-image and good conduct by eliminating any disruptions to the normal educational process as well as providing for student safety. All West University Elementary students are expected to take pride in their appearance and follow these dress code guidelines:

- Clothing will be neat and clean.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must not be higher than two inches above the knee. Students may not roll up the hems nor roll down the tops of shorts or skirts to make them shorter.
- Clothing must cover the body from the shoulders to two inches above the knee. No spaghetti strap, tank, tube, or halter tops are allowed.
- No short-shorts, biking shorts, running or track shorts, over-sized, or baggy clothing is allowed.
- No inappropriate or suggestive wording on clothing; clothing with advertisements for alcohol or tobacco are not allowed.
- Hair must be well-groomed, clean, and kept out of the eyes. Boys' hair must be no longer than collar length on a collared shirt.
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes must be worn at school. Shoes not allowed include flip flops, crocs, jellies, plastic shoes, high heels, open-toed shoes, and strapless shoes. Use of sneakers, tennis shoes, or athletic shoes is recommended and encouraged.
- Hats, caps, and other head gear may not be worn in the building.
- Make-up may not be worn.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Fridays are designated as West U Spirit Day. Students are encouraged to wear our West U Gear, any West U Elementary tee-shirts, or our school colors of red and blue.
- The school reserves the right to ask a student to change clothes or hairstyles if these items cause disruption to the educational process or present a threat to safety.

Violations of the student dress code are considered violations of the HISD Code of Student Conduct. In most cases, students will be provided with a change of clothes (if available) or the parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for the student

If there are any extenuating circumstances that prevent a student from following these guidelines, parents must consult the principal.

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