

Web Unit

School life in Texas

Green Line 4, after Unit 2

You've already learned a few things about American school life. For example, in many schools there is a strict dress code for students. But there are also many fun activities to do if you join a sports team or a student organization. When you finish this Web Unit, you will know what students in Texas are allowed to wear to school, and what activities they can do after school.



Students at an American high school

Pre-net activity



Use the following words and write what you already know about American school life.

school bus • Pledge of Allegiance • class schedule (*Stundenplan*) • try-outs • detention



Net-use activities

1  <http://www.txkisd.net/index.asp> →  'District Calendar'

1. When are the first and last days of school?

2. How many holidays are there during the school year?

3. What are the three longest holidays? When are they?

4. How many days do the students go home early from school?

5. What do you think a 'Bad Weather Day' is?

6. What do you think a 'Grading Period' is?

2 ☞ 'For Parents' → ☞ 'Registration and Enrollment' → ☞ 'Student Dress Guidelines'

1. Read through the list. Then, write down the things you are not allowed to have or wear.

earrings • nose rings • hats • tight (*eng*) clothes • shorts • sagging (*herabhängend*) pants • skates • long hair • hair with bright (*grell*) colors • clothes with holes • some tattoos

2. True or False? If a student does not follow the dress code, he or she will receive detention.

true false

3. True or False? Students may not go back to class until they follow the dress code.

true false

3 ☞ 'For Students' → ☞ 'Activities' → ☞ 'following programs'

Match the description (*Beschreibung*) to the correct student organization.

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| 1. Work on the student newspaper! | a. Yearbook |
| 2. Do you play an instrument? Then this is the group for you! | b. Cheerleading |
| 3. Show your support and team spirit (<i>Teamgeist</i>) for the sports teams. | c. Tiger Times |
| 4. Here you will take photos and write about the school year. | d. Band |
| 5. See what it's like to work for radio or television. | e. Vocal Ensemble |
| 6. Can you sing? We do Christmas concerts and more... | f. TigerVision |

4 'For students' 'Activities' → 'school organizations and activities'

There are more student organizations on this page. Skim through them. Which organization on this page or in the list above would you like to join? Why? Which of these groups would you not like to join? Explain why.

Post-net activities

Make a dress code for your school. What can students wear or have? What are they not allowed to wear or have? Read your dress code to your class. Do they like it?

Or

You are visiting an American school for a year and you want to find out about one of their student organizations. Work with a partner and write a dialogue. Use polite language to ask:

- when they meet
- where they meet
- who can come
- what they do
- what they did last year

Perform your dialogue in front of the class.

Now you can ...

- ✓ ... scan a website for information.
- ✓ ... reproduce (*wiedergeben*) given information in your own words.
- ✓ ... find information about American school life.

I want to know more about:
