

## Wylie ISD response to Fox News Digital:

The claims made are not accurate.

The four adult women did not bypass security procedures. They arrived at the front entrance, pressed the buzzer, presented identification, and then entered the front office, which serves as a security vestibule. They then went through the normal visitor process, scanned their IDs through the district's visitor management system, and stated they were there to meet with the Muslim Student Association. Campus staff followed multiple required procedures; however, they failed to verify in the system whether the required guest speaker form had been submitted. Had that final step been completed, staff would have seen that the form had not been submitted, and the individuals would not have been permitted to meet with the student organization or leave the front office.

As we stated previously, this was a procedural breakdown, not an intentional act of favoritism or an endorsement of any religion by the school or the principal.

Additionally, references to prior "World Hijab Day" activities are being presented without important context. Any previous activities were student-led and occurred prior to the implementation of Senate Bill 12, which took effect in September 2025 and significantly changed how student organizations can operate in public schools.

Photos of the principal wearing a hijab during prior student activities were publicly available online for well over a year without controversy because, at the time, students, staff, and families understood the context. Like many educators, the principal participated in student activities and moments intended to build relationships and make students feel seen and valued. Those photos are now being reframed through the lens of this unrelated procedural mistake and inaccurately portrayed as evidence of religious promotion or bias, which they were not.

Claims that the district "allows Islam but not Christianity" are also false. Wylie ISD has thriving Christian student organizations across our campuses, and local churches are some of our strongest community partners. At Wylie East High School alone, at least 40 visits from local churches to attend and support Christian student club meetings were approved this school year. However, Wylie ISD does not endorse or promote any religion. Our responsibility as a public school district is to follow the law, maintain a safe learning environment, and serve all students regardless of their background or beliefs.

The suggestion that the principal "approved" or "blessed" religious proselytizing is inaccurate and unfair. In fact, once the procedural failure was identified, the district immediately reviewed the matter, addressed the procedural breakdown, and implemented additional safeguards regarding outside visitors and student organizations to help ensure this does not happen again. The district, school board, and principal have all publicly acknowledged the mistake and apologized for the procedural failure.

Contrary to some narratives circulating nationally and on social media, the principal continues to have the support of her school community, many of whom recognize this situation for what it was: a mistake resulting from a breakdown in procedures, not an intentional act motivated by religion or politics.

When this incident first occurred in February, we said Wylie ISD would not allow outside influence or online speculation to distort facts, sow division, or damage the trust we have built with our community. In the months since, outside voices and national political narratives amplified through social media have repeatedly attempted to do just that.

Misinformation, exaggerated claims, and inaccurate characterizations of what occurred have escalated tensions while failing to reflect the full context of the situation or the values of our local community. Despite that noise, Wylie ISD remains focused on our students, our staff, and the strong relationships that continue to exist within our schools and community.