### tblStyle (Referenced Table Style)

This element specifies the style ID of the [table](table.docx) style which shall be used to [format](format.docx) the contents of this table.

This formatting is applied at the following location in the style hierarchy:

* Document defaults
* Table [styles](styles.docx) (this element)
* [Numbering](Numbering.docx) [styles](styles.docx)
* Paragraph [styles](styles.docx)
* Character [styles](styles.docx)
* Direct Formatting

This means that all properties specified in the style element (§) with a styleId which corresponds to the value in this element's val attribute are applied to the [table](table.docx) at the appropriate level in the hierarchy.

If this element is omitted, or it references a style which does not exist, then no [table](table.docx) style shall be applied to the current table. As well, this property is ignored if the [table](table.docx) properties are themselves part of a [table](table.docx) style.

[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment:

<w:[tblPr](tblPr.docx)>

<w:tblStyle w:val=”TestTableStyle” />

</w:[tblPr](tblPr.docx)>

This [table](table.docx) specifies that it will inherit all of the [table](table.docx) properties specified by the [table](table.docx) style with a styleId of TestTableStyle. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [tblPr](tblPr.docx) (§); [tblPr](tblPr.docx) (§); [tblPr](tblPr.docx) (§); [tblPr](tblPr.docx) (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (String Value) | Specifies that its contents will contain a string.  The contents of this string are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  [Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment:  <w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  <w:[pStyle](pStyle.docx) w:val="heading1" />  </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  The value of the val attribute is the ID of the associated paragraph style's styleId.  However, consider the following fragment:  <w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>  <w:[alias](alias.docx) w:val="SDT Title Example" />  ...  </w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>  In this case, the decimal number in the val attribute is the [caption](caption.docx) of the parent structured document tag. In each case, the value is interpreted in the context of the parent element. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_String](ST_String.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

The following [XML](XML.docx) Schema fragment defines the contents of this element:

<complexType [name](name.docx)="CT\_String">

<attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_String](ST_String.docx)" use="required"/>

</complexType>