

WASHINGTON COUNTY DRESS CODE

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Please note:

Changes with a strike through represent deletions that were recommended following workshops on April 27 and May 18, recommendation from principal on April 30, and/or public requests on June 8.

Changes with underscores represent additions that were recommended following workshops on April 27 and May 18, and recommendation from all principal's on April 30.

Changes that are bold and italicized wording are additions that were recommended by the public at the June 8 Regular School Board Meeting.

Appropriate wearing apparel is an essential part of education. The word "appropriate" shall be defined to include cleanliness, safety, modesty and good taste. All administrative and instructional personnel shall give helpful, friendly guidance on these matters without causing embarrassment to the student.

- Students may not wear any garment with suggestive, obscene, offensive, or gang-related language; or drug, tobacco or alcoholic beverage advertisement on it.
- ~~Shoes (not bedroom type shoes) must be worn at all times.~~
- All shoes must be safe and appropriate (no bedroom type shoes).
- Students may not wear clothing that reveals undergarments, the midriff, or cleavage. Blouses or shirts that are low-cut or see-through may not be worn. (Examples of inappropriate clothing include, but are not limited to the following: tube or tank tops without over blouses or shirts, halter tops, backless dresses, muscle shirts, pajamas, spandex leggings worn as pants, undergarments as outer garments, modification of clothes {sleeves cut out, rolled up shorts, cutting holes in pants}).
- Appropriate dress will be as follows (clothing fabric will be non see-through):
 - Shirts with sleeves
 - Shorts to the knees, to be worn at the waist

- Dresses and skirts to the knees
- **Jeans, khaki-type** pants, or dress slacks that will be worn at the waist
- Holes in any pants will be below the knee
- **Elementary students may wear pants / shorts with elastic waist bands**

- ~~Head coverings, sunglasses or jacket hoods (hats, caps, stockings, etc.) are not allowed to be worn in school buildings. However, these items must be properly stored at all other times. Bandannas, do-rags, and stocking caps are not allowed on campus.~~

- Hats and sunglasses may be worn only during outside activities.

- Items indicative of gang membership, such as bandanas, clothing, or other items are prohibited on school grounds and at school sponsored functions.

- ~~The wearing of objects/jewelry in a visible body piercing will be limited to ears only.~~

- All jewelry and piercing must be appropriate and safe (no hoops or chains)

- ~~Oversized pants and shirts are not allowed. “Sagging” pants (those resting on the buttocks) are not acceptable. See Florida Statute below related to this topic.~~

- ~~Pants or shorts cannot have holes above the fingertip and must be pulled up to the waistline.~~

- ~~Shorts, skirts, or dresses may be worn but must be at or below the finger tip even when worn over leggings/pants.~~

- ~~Belts must be buckled and suspenders fastened.~~

- ~~Armbands, wristbands, belts, wallet chains or other items with heavy metal projections are prohibited.~~

- ~~Because of the types of activities in elementary physical education, it is recommended that girls wear shorts under their dresses.~~

School administrators will determine if clothing, shoes or jewelry are appropriate, safe and in compliance with district rules.

FLORIDA STATUTE RELATED TO DRESS CODE – Exposure of underwear or body parts that is disruptive to an orderly learning environment.

- Students may not wear any type of clothing that indecently or in a vulgar manner exposes underwear or body parts or that is disruptive to an orderly learning environment. The expectation is that students will refrain from wearing clothing in a manner that exposes underwear, bras, or any other types of undergarments in an inappropriate manner.
 - First Offense – Students will be given a verbal warning and the student’s parents or guardian will be contacted by school personnel.
 - Second Offense – Students will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for a period of 5 days and the student’s parents must meet with the principal.
 - Third Offense – Students will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for a period of 20 days, students will be placed in the in-school suspension program for 3 days and the parents will be contacted via telephone and written notice.
 - Fourth and Subsequent Offenses - Students will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for a period of 30 days, students will be placed in the in-school suspension program for 3 days and the parents will be contacted by the school.
 - Statutes – 1006.07 and 1006.15 and ~~1002.23(7)~~

The principal may use a committee of faculty, parents and students to make additions to these guidelines, however, there may be no deletions or revisions of the above.

Discipline administered for infractions of the student dress code may include loss of eligibility to participate in student activities.