

WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRUCTURED DRESS CODE.

Policy #221

The intent of this policy is to ensure that our students dress appropriately, are not disruptive to the educational process, and do not compromise the safety and security of our school. While requiring a specific type of clothing, it is not our purpose to interfere with student decisions or freedom of expression. However, the safety of all students, the security of the building, and the environment in which our students learn; must be the foremost objectives of our school.

Dress Code:

1. **Pants** Must be casual/dress/corduroy or **denim jeans** of a solid color.
 - a. Pants must be sized to fit the student
 - b. Pants must be secured at the waist
 - c. Cargo pockets are not permitted
 - d. The following types of pants are not permitted
 1. Cargo pants
 2. Baggy/Skateboard pants
 3. Extra wide/Extra full pants
 4. Military fatigues (NO camouflage)
 5. Sweat pants
 6. Wind pants
 7. Flannel pants
 8. Yoga, stretch, or spandex pants or leggings can only be worn under a length appropriate dress or skirt.
 9. Faux jeans (Look Alike jeans) are not permitted.
2. **Skirts/dresses**
 - a. All skirts/dresses must extend to the top of the knee.
 - b. All dresses **must** cover from the collar bone to the base of the torso.
 - c. Cargo pockets, not permitted.
3. **Shirts.** Acceptable shirts include :polo shirts (short or long sleeve), **Henley/shirts**, Casual button shirts, (short or long sleeve). **Solid Tee Shirts are permitted.**

All shirts must cover from the collar bone to the waist as not to expose midriff.

 - a. Military camouflage shirts are not allowed.
 - b. Tee shirts are not permitted to be worn over collared shirts.
 - c. Only the top two buttons of a shirt are permitted to be unbuttoned.
 - d. **Zippered shirts and camisoles are not permitted.**

4. *Sweatshirts/Sweater/Turtlenecks*

- a. Long –sleeved crew-neck or V-neck sweatshirts, and sweaters, may be worn with an approved shirt underneath.
- b. Turtlenecks are permitted.
- c. Hooded sweatshirts are absolutely not permitted.
- d. **Cardigan sweaters, are not allowed unless an approved shirt is worn underneath.**

5. *Shorts.*

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- a. **Knee** length, two or four pocket dress shorts, **ONLY**.
- b. Athletic and Cargo shorts are not permitted.

6. *Belts*

- a. No emblems or logos are permitted.
- b. Belt buckles must not exceed size of 2" x 2".

7. *Shoes*

- a. Shoes/sneakers must be worn at all times. Flip-flops, slides and shoes without backs are not permitted.
- b. Any footwear that poses a safety hazard is not permitted, i.e. Any sole or heel over a 3inch height.

8. *Jackets*

- a. "Track" jackets and "blazers" are the only type of jacket that is permitted to be worn. The track jacket should have an approved shirt underneath.
- b. Outerwear can only be worn to and from school and will be stored in the school lockers.

9. *Special Groups*

- a. Special Group attire may be worn on designated days with administrative permission and must conform to all rules of decency.

10. *Dress Down Days*

Dress down days may be scheduled throughout the school year for special circumstances. Ripped clothing, cargo pants and shorts, hooded sweatshirts and military fatigues are not permitted at any time on these days.

11. *Additional Articles of Non-compliance*

- No hats or caps may be worn inside school building.
- Professional athletic jerseys of any kind are prohibited.
- Exposed underwear of any kind, including see through clothing are strictly prohibited.
- No chains, dog collars or spike bracelets/necklaces.

No clothing or article deemed offensive, sexually suggestive, condoning violence, drug/alcohol/tobacco use, suicide or vulgar language is permitted.

No sunglasses may be worn except for documented medical reasons.

No torn/ripped clothing.

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BACKPACKS, sackpacks, totebags, excessively sized purses may be carried to and from school. They Aren't permitted to be carried in the hallways, to and from class. All "packs" MUST be kept in student's lockers while school is in session.

*Special Events=Dress during special events, such as spirit day, dress-up days, field days, etc. the dress code will be adjusted or deemed appropriate to administration.

NOTE: The above dress code may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Wyoming Area School Board

If parents are unsure which attire is appropriate, please call an administrator at the high school. At all times, appropriate attire for school and school activities must be observed. No specific standards are needed beyond those of safety, decency, cleanliness, good grooming and non-interference with teaching and learning.

***This dress code policy is implemented for grades 7 through 12.**

If in doubt, don't wear it to school!

Parents or legal guardians who object to the policy based on religious or medical grounds must present to the building principal a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection. The parent or legal guardian and the building principal will meet to discuss the exemption.

School officials do reserve the right to individually review the students dress and if found unacceptable, can quietly and privately attempt to settle the problem. When deemed necessary, students will be sent home to change or other appropriate actions will be taken to correct the situation.

The administration of Wyoming Area School District shall suspend any and all pupils who shall persist in disregarding any of the guidelines listed and each suspension shall continue until such time as the student presents him/herself for readmission to class, having corrected and given assurances that he/she will not repeat the conditions of dress or personal appearances which were the cause of the suspension.

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