



# WCHS Dress Code

The school's administration shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, and will make the decision whether a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

- ▶ Sexually implicit or explicit and see-through clothing are not appropriate apparel for school or school functions.
- ▶ Clothing that is offensive may not be worn. It cannot contain derogatory/harassing remarks or have implicit pictures or language. Clothes cannot identify students with gangs or antisocial groups, or advertise tobacco, alcohol or drugs.
- ▶ All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee. Shorts, skirts or shirts worn underneath sheer/lace clothing must also meet all dress code requirements.
- ▶ Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the pant line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- ▶ Pants will be worn securely so that abdominal skin or undergarments are not exposed. Pants may not have holes in them (4) inches above the knee that expose skin or undergarments.
- ▶ The neckline of a shirt or top cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit.
- ▶ Muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, bikini tops, strapless or halter tops are not permitted. Shirts and tops must "cup" over the shoulder for both boys and girls. Shirts or tops must not slide off the shoulder during the normal course of movement throughout the school day.
- ▶ Pajamas or other costume-type attire may not be worn except for designated dress-up days.
- ▶ Students shall not bring and/or wear hats, head coverings, or bandannas on the school campus unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities designated by the Principal.
- ▶ Students must wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable.
- ▶ Sunglasses may be worn outside or in the commons areas but must be put away in the classroom.
- ▶ Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process. Wallet chain or dog collars are not permitted.
- ▶ Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body, clothing, accessories or student vehicle which contain profanity in any form, violent images, images of weapons are considered vulgar, offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which contain sexually suggestive words, phrases or images, advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs, or which cause an inherent risk of substantial disruption to the educational program, shall not be worn to school or school functions. Offensive designs imprinted on the body must be covered.

## First Offense

Students in violation of the school dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing. Inappropriate clothing will NOT be allowed to be covered up with a jacket or other garments. Failure to comply will result in parent contact and may result in a referral or detention.

## Repeat Offenses

Each subsequent violation will result in student being required to change and serve detention, or may result in the student being sent home. Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior could result in more severe consequences, including out-of-school suspension (OSS).

