



Westside High School

Dress Code Policy & Principles



Students are individuals, who have the right to express themselves through their unique tastes of fashion; however, we uphold the vision that students need to be "college or career ready" when they come to school by ensuring that their appearance and clothing are fostering a positive image of themselves and are appropriate for the learning environment.

The dress code restrictions are based on the following principles:

W - We are prepared >> Your clothing and appearance should communicate that you are aware of your learning goals and that you attend school to become a competitive and productive citizen for the 21st century global society. Dress up for success.

H - Hold ourselves accountable >> Your clothing and appearance should demonstrate your strength of character and pride in your educational accomplishments, as well as owning your mistakes and learning from them, and that you represent the image of our school.

S - Show respect for all >> Your clothing and appearance should show respect for yourself, for your peers, for the school staff and visitors, and for your learning environment. Your clothing preference should not interfere with your learning process and should be in line with the business of teaching and learning.

Restricted items that are specific to WHS:

FOOTWEAR: Athletic slides and socks, bedroom slippers, flip-flops of any style/design, stiletto of 4-5 inches in heels, and shower shoes are not school attire--they are not allowed on school property. Crocs must be worn with straps.

DEVICES: Earbuds, headphones (big beats), Air Pods, and Bluetooth devices are not allowed to be used or worn inside the classrooms at any time, except in the cafeteria during lunchtime, or in a computer-related course as required by the teacher.

TOP: Crop tops that exposed the belly (wearing a jacket/sweater does not correct the violation because the jacket/sweater can come off). The shirt/blouse should cover the waistband of the bottom outfit. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or muscle shirt. No Jumpsuits/ Bib Overall and Body Suit allowed. No openings/slits/holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, midsection, bareback, or other parts of the torso.

BOTTOM: Pants with holes or prayed jeans: Exposed skin from the knee down to the ankle is acceptable. Exposed skin from the thigh area down but above the knee is **unacceptable** - short pants/leggings/tights have to be worn to cover the exposed skin.

Shorts and skirts must not be shorter than two (2) inches above the knees. If unsure, then please do not wear them to school. *Clothing that is too short or too tight is not permitted.*

Pajamas of any type are not allowed. Fishnets are NOT allowed, only solid tights to accent a dress or a skirt/short pants.

Tights or leggings of any designs/styles should NOT be worn as pants, but they can be worn with a long shirt or dress that covers the buttocks area.

No SAGGING! No bandannas/flags hanging from the pants' pocket.

HEADCOVER: Head covering is a safety issue. Any type of "Head Coverings" for both male and female are not allowed (unless it is based on one's deep-core religious beliefs; please provide documentation). NO hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, do-rags, curlers, and picks allowed.

BCSD General Guidelines for ALL attire

All clothing must be appropriately sized, and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which may not be seen through the garment.

All shirts must have sleeves. No spaghetti straps or tank tops.

All clothing must cover the body without openings, slits, or holes (as specified under restricted items) that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.

WHS CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

The School may assign one or a combination of the following:

Written Warning // Written Assignments // Teacher contacts Parent // May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected // May require the parent/guardian to bring a change of clothing // Parental Suspension and Conference // In-School Suspension // After-School Detention // Community Service // Out-of-School Suspension for multiple violations

AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP The Principal is the designated leader of the school and, with the staff, is charged by the Superintendent with the safe and orderly operation of the school. In case of disciplinary violations not covered by the Student Code of Conduct, the Principal may impose corrective measures which he or she believes to be in the best interest of the student(s) involved and the school.

Compliance Measures:

The intent of these requirements is to promote an environment consistent with the business of teaching and learning. To this end, students who are not properly attired will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions, as outlined by District policies and determined by the principal or designee.