

WYOMING VALLEY
WEST
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

ADOPTED:

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<p>1. Purpose SC1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>1. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">221. DRESS AND GROOMING</p> <p>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 students’ 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.</p> <p><u>Dress Code</u></p> <p>Pants – Must be casual/dress pants of a solid color.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pants must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/-1 size to the student’s measurement). 2. Pants must be secured at the waist. <p>Shorts- Students are permitted to wear dress shorts of a solid color or plaid.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shorts must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/-1 size to the student’s measurement). 2. Shorts must be secured at the waist. 3. Shorts can be worn no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.
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The following pants/shorts are not permitted:

1. Athletic/Warm-up pants/shorts.
2. No denim/Jeans or Denim-like pants/shorts.
3. Excessively baggy or tight pants/shorts
4. Military fatigues (no camouflage).
5. No spandex/yoga pants/shorts.

Belts-

1. Must be solid color – no color preference.
2. No emblems or logos will be permitted.

Leggings – If leggings are worn, a collared top/skirt, knee length to ankle length and which provides appropriate coverage is acceptable.

Skirts – Must be of a solid color or plaid.

1. Skirts can only be worn knee length to ankle length.
2. Skirts must be secured at the waist.

The following types of skirts are not permitted:

1. No denim/denim-like skirts.
2. No skirts with slits above the knee.
3. Skirts that are not knee to ankle length.

Shirts- Must be plaid, striped or of a solid color and must have a collar.

1. Traditional two or three button polo style shirts (short/long sleeve) with a collar.
2. Standard Oxford style shirt/blouse (short/long sleeve) with a collar.
3. Shirts must have sleeves (short/long) and provide appropriate coverage of upper arms and shoulders, chest and torso.
4. The shirt must sit comfortably to the belt line or waist of pants/shorts.
5. All shirts must be buttoned or zipped just below the neck.
6. School district logos or a manufacturer's logo no larger than two (2) inches by two (2) inches will be permitted.

The following shirts will not be permitted:

1. No denim/denim-like shirts.
2. No Henley shirts.
3. No shirts that are mesh or transparent.
4. No shirts that are mid-drift or that visibly expose the mid-drift.
5. No excessively baggy/tight shirts.
6. No cold shoulder blouses/shirts.
7. No cowl neck blouses/shirts.
8. No sleeveless shirts.

Sweatshirts/Sweaters/Mock Turtlenecks/Turtlenecks –

1. Crewneck sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn with an approved collared shirt underneath. Crewnecks and sweatshirts must be of a solid color.
2. School district logos or a manufacturer's logo no larger than two (2) inches by two (2) inches will be permitted.
3. Sweatshirts must not extend past the middle of the pants pocket.
4. Sweatshirts must be sized to fit.
5. A solid mock turtleneck/turtleneck will be permitted in an approved color under a sweater/sweatshirt.
6. V-Neck sweaters are permitted in one (1) of the above mentioned approved colors as there is an approved shirt underneath.

The following sweatshirts will not be permitted:

1. Hooded sweatshirts.
2. Sweatshirts may not be cut, ripped or torn.

Shoes- Some style of shoe/sneaker must be worn at all times.

1. Shoes must be secured to the foot.

The following types of shoes are not permitted:

1. Backless shoes are not permitted, including clogs.
2. No open toes.
3. No flip-flops/slides.
4. No bedroom slippers.
5. Any footwear that poses a safety hazard is not permitted.

Dresses- Dresses are permitted that meet the standard for a collar (see #2 below for definition of a collar for dresses), sleeve, skirt length (knee to ankle) and colors.

1. The dress must have a sleeve (short/long).
2. The dress must have a collar or provide appropriate coverage from the neck to the knee providing coverage to the upper arms, neck and torso.

The following types of dresses will not be permitted:

1. Tight or form-fitting dresses.
2. Spandex, nylon or other form-fitting material.
3. Sleeveless dresses.
4. Denim/denim-like dresses.
5. Dresses with cutouts/key holes.
6. Cold shoulder dresses.
7. Dresses with slits that expose the thighs above the knee.

Articles of Noncompliance

1. No hats, caps and bandanas.
 - a. Headbands must be appropriate and secure the hair.
2. The display of undergarments will be strictly prohibited.
3. No dog chains, dog collars or spike bracelets/necklaces.
4. No clothing or article deemed offensive, sexually suggestive, condoning violence, drug/alcohol/tobacco use, suicide or vulgar language.
5. No cut, ripped or torn clothing.
6. No denim/denim-like vests or jackets.
7. Coats are not permitted to be worn during the school day.
8. Camouflage in any clothing.
9. Hoods are not permitted on any garment.
10. No scarves.
11. No blankets.

***These guidelines** do not cover every possible situation. Questionable attire or appearance will be referred to the Principal or Principal's Assistant. Since styles of clothing change rapidly, the school reserves the right to restrict certain fashions that are distracting to the learning environment.

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Exemptions

Parents/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/guardian and the building principal will meet to discuss the exemption.

Board Discretion

The above dress code may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Wyoming Valley West School Board.

Discipline

The purpose of school is to promote and foster a solid learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a manner which encourages this purpose. Violation of this policy will result in parental notification and appropriate school action.

Noncompliance will be considered a violation of school policy. The consequences will be as follows:

Elementary Level:

Offense	Disciplinary Action
1 st Offense	At the discretion of the principal, depending upon the degree of cooperation from the student and parent/guardian, a request for change of clothing, a request to send the student home, or an out-of-school suspension shall take place as deemed appropriate by administration.
2 nd Offense	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be excluded from class (i.e., out-of-school suspension) for one (1) day. A parental meeting must take place for the child to return to class. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.
3 rd and Successive Offenses	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be subject to a three (3) to possible ten (10) day out-of-school suspension and a ten (10) day co-curricular suspension. A parental meeting must take place for the student to return to school. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.

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<i>Secondary Level:</i>	
Offense	Disciplinary Action
1 st Offense	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be excluded from class (i.e., in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension) for one (1) day. Parents/Guardians will be notified of the class exclusion. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.
2 nd Offense	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be excluded from class (i.e., in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension) for one (1) day. A parental meeting must take place for the child to return to class. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.
3 rd and Successive Offenses	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be subject to a three (3) to possible ten (10) day out-of-school suspension and a ten (10) day co-curricular suspension. A parental meeting must take place for the student to return to school. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the dress code.
<p>References:</p> <p>School Code- 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations- 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11</p> <p>Board Policy 325, 525</p>	