

# WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DRESS AND GROOMING

ADOPTED:

REVISED: August 14, 2013

<p>1. Purpose SC 1317.3 Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>2. 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 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.</p> <p><u>Dress Code</u></p> <p><b>Pants</b> - Must be casual/dress pants of a solid color: Khaki (Beige/Tan), Navy Blue, Black or Gray.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pants must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/-1 size to the student's measurement).</li> <li>2. Pants must be secured at the waist.</li> <li>3. Pants are only permitted to have two (2) pockets in the front and two (2) in the back. No cargo pockets are permitted.</li> <li>4. The following types of pants are not permitted:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cargo pants.</li> <li>b. Baggy/Skateboard pants.</li> <li>c. Extra wide/extra full pants.</li> <li>d. Military fatigues (no camouflage).</li> <li>e. Sweat pants.</li> <li>f. Wind pants.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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g. Jeans/Denim.

h. Excessively tight pants.

**Leggings -**

If leggings are worn, a tunic top must fall within the guidelines for a skirt (knee length to ankle length).

**Skirts -** Must be of a solid color or plaid: Khaki (Beige/Tan), Black, Gray, White or Navy Blue.

1. Can only be worn knee length to ankle length.
2. No cargo pockets will be allowed.

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

1. All shirts must be buttoned or zipped just below the neck.
2. Golf shirts (short/long sleeve) and button down dress shirts (short/long sleeve) must be worn.
3. School district logos or a manufacturer's logo no larger than two (2) inches by two (2) inches will be permitted.
4. Dress shirts must be tucked in and polo shirts may not extend past the middle of the pants pocket.

**Sweatshirt/Sweater/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. Sweatshirts may not be ripped or torn and must be sized to fit.
3. Must not extend past the middle of the pants pocket.
4. Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted.
5. A solid 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 long as there is an approved shirt underneath.

**Shorts -**

1. Students will be permitted to wear solid color or plaid dress shorts sized to fit. (Same colors as listed under pants will be permitted.)
2. Shorts can be worn no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.
3. No cargo shorts will be permitted.
4. Pleated or plain shorts with two (2) pockets in the front and two (2) in the back. No cargo pockets are permitted.

**Belts -**

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

**Shoes -**

1. Backless shoes are not permitted, including clogs. Shoes must be secured to the foot.
2. Some style of shoe/sneaker must be worn at all times. No open toes. Flip-flops (shoes without backs) are prohibited.
3. Any footwear that poses a safety hazard is not permitted.

Articles Of Noncompliance

1. No cargo pants.
2. No Henley shirts.
3. No spandex pants.
4. No hats, caps, headbands and bandanas.
5. The display of any undergarments will be strictly prohibited.

6. No chains, dog collars or spike bracelets/necklaces.
7. No clothing or article deemed offensive, sexually suggestive, condoning violence, drug/alcohol/tobacco use, suicide or vulgar language.
8. No unnatural hair coloring.
9. No torn/ripped clothing.
10. No denim.
11. Coats are not permitted to be worn during the school day.
12. Camouflage in any clothing.
13. Hoods are not permitted on any garment.
14. "All black" outfits are not permitted.

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:*

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

*Secondary Level:*

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11

Board Policy – 325, 525