

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students shall be expected to maintain a neat, clean, well-groomed appearance at school. No article of clothing shall be unsuitable for school activities, or of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. No student shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, blade, symbols, sign or other things which are evidence of affiliation with drugs, alcohol, violence or gang related activities or exhibits profane or obscene language/gestures. Since school life prepares students to take their place in adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students. The first responsibility for maintaining proper standards belongs to the student and parents, or guardian. The school should deal with this responsibility when the student or parents fail to recognize this need.

The policy of the Winn Parish School Board shall be that no mode of attire or grooming shall be considered proper for school wear that disrupts the classroom and/or the school's positive learning environment. In questions regarding student dress and grooming, the principal or his/her designee of each school shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided.

The School Board desires to teach each student to use good judgment in his/her total appearance so that the attention of others is not distracted from the purpose of the school. Cleanliness and the values of the community shall be basic consideration.

NOTIFICATION

The Winn Parish School Board shall notify the parent or guardian of each student of the dress code specifications and their effective date.

If the School Board modifies the existing dress code policy, it shall notify, in writing, the parent or guardian of each student of the policy adoption or uniform policy modification at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the new or revised policy.

However, nothing shall prohibit the School Board from requiring a new or revised dress code without the required notice in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this policy, *emergency* shall mean an actual or imminent threat to health or safety which may result in loss of life, injury, or property damage.

GUIDELINES

Schools must adhere to this policy. The principal shall be the authority in determining inappropriateness of any feature of clothing or grooming in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The following are not appropriate attire for school and shall not be permitted inside any school building:

- A. Raveled, unhemmed, frayed, or holey items.
 - B. Hats, caps, curlers either worn or carried. Plain knit head coverings may be worn only during inclement weather. Head coverings including hoods must be removed when entering the building.
 - C. Shirts which allow any part of the mid-section of the body to be exposed when arms are raised to shoulder level.
 - D. Visible body pierced jewelry other than earrings for girls.
 - E. Non-prescription sunglasses.
 - F. Camouflage
2. Undergarments must be worn.
 3. Boys and girls shall wear socks or hose. Logos are allowed if 2" or less. Sock or hose color should be white, black, grey, navy, khaki or school approved color.
 4. Skirts, skorts, jumpers and dresses shall not be shorter than 2" (two inches) above the knee measured from the bend of the knee. Shorts shall not be shorter than 2" (two inches) above the knee measured from the bend of the knee.
 5. Shorts shall not be shorter than 2" (two inches) above the knee measured from the bend of the knee.
 6. Belts shall be worn on all pants designed with belt loops and may not be more than one size larger than the waist.
 7. Shoes should be comfortable and conservative. No "flip flops", thongs, beach, house shoes or slides.
 8. Shirttails shall be tucked in at all times. Undergarments shall not be visible.
 9. It is permissible to wear standard khaki or navy Capri pants with no slits greater than 1 ½ inches and no drawstrings at legs. Capri pants may not be tight fitting.
 10. On special school days, a) principals may allow students to deviate from the dress code with the Superintendent approval and b) principals may request specific dress code items to be worn.
 11. If students use a book bag, the book bag shall be required to be clear (see-through) or completely mesh book bags.
 12. Purses must be no larger than 6x9 inches.
 13. Monograms are allowed.

SHAVING

The Winn Parish School System advocates a neat and well-groomed appearance of all students. This includes all young men being clean shaven with no exaggerated sideburns or facial hair. When a school principal determines that a student is in violation of this policy, the school shall contact the parent or guardian to resolve the violation. The shaving violations will be handled like the dress code violations. On the first offense students are allowed back in class when the infraction is corrected. No school shall furnish any type of shaving supplies to be used by the student to correct shaving violations.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

The Winn Parish School Board believes that a mandatory school dress code policy will provide a more secure school environment, promote an atmosphere for greater discipline, and increase learning opportunities for students by removing many of the distractions and connotations associated with various types of clothing.

All schools and grades in Winn Parish shall be required to follow dress code policy. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the designated school clothing as outlined below. All students will be required to purchase/possess one polo style in his/her school color for special days. Example: school pictures.

Clothing

Tops

Shirt colors: white, black, grey and school approved color as follows – Atlanta, red; Calvin, royal blue; Dodson, gold; Winnfield, red.

Shirt styles: knit pullover style shirt with a collar (polo style), button up the front shirts (oxford style), or school spirit shirts.

Bottoms

Boys: Standard khaki or navy shorts or long pants. Cargo pants, work out pants, scrubs, and sweat pants are not allowed.

Girls: Standard khaki or navy shorts, jumpers, skirts, skorts, capri pants, or long pants. Cargo pants, work out pants, sweat pants, scrubs, and leggings are not allowed.

Both: Pants which are oversized, or extremely tight fitting, or sagging are prohibited. The principal or his/her designee shall determine if this provision has been violated.

Logos

Brand names and brand logos will be allowed. Visible logos are not to exceed 2". Logos must also be in school shirt colors.

New and transfer students shall be given two (2) weeks from the date of enrollment to obtain the required policy. Parents may obtain permission to purchase patterns for approved dress code style items and hand make such items. Length of shorts, skorts or jumpers shall be no shorter than 2" above the knee.

Spirit Shirt Guidelines

Students attending Winn Parish Schools will be allowed to wear "School Spirit Shirts" that adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Shirts must be unisex crew neck style short sleeve or long sleeve. Crew neck sweatshirts can also be spirit shirts.
2. Shirts must be solid black, grey, or school color. Screen prints may differ but shirts must be solid colored in school assigned colors
3. Screen print must include school's full name or school/community with mascot and/or club emblem or name.
4. Spirit shirt designs must be approved by principals of the school if affiliated with the school. For example, Booster Club shirts, baseball team shirts, band shirts, etc. All Winnfield city students will be allowed to wear spirit shirts supporting any Winnfield school. Example: A 3rd grade student should be allowed to wear a "WSHS Tiger Baseball" shirt.
5. Vendors must have prior approval, gained at meeting before school year begins, in order to have shirts approved for the school year. An approved vendor list will be published and available at the schools' offices. This includes Fan Cloth merchandise.
6. Spirit shirts purchased must be from approved vendor lists if not purchased from the schools.
7. National clubs and organization shirts or championship shirts may be worn on special days approved and announced by the principal.
8. Spirit shirts may be worn any day unless otherwise announced by the principal.

Cold Weather Apparel/Outerwear

1. Windbreakers/zippered, snapped or buttoned sweatshirt jackets must be in school shirt or

- pants colors, not oversized. Visible logos are permissible but are not to exceed 2”.
2. Sweatshirts must be worn with school shirts underneath. Must be school shirt or pants colors, not oversized. Visible logos are permissible but are not to exceed 2”.
 3. Cardigans/pull-over sweaters must be school shirt or pants colors, not oversized. Visible logos are permissible but are not to exceed 2”.
 4. Jackets/coats must button, snap or be zippered from top to bottom in school shirt or pants colors, not oversized. Visible logos are permissible but are not to exceed 2”.
 5. Hooded sweatshirts will be allowed. Spirit shirt guidelines must be followed if sweatshirts are screen printed.
No trench coats will be permitted.

Principals shall not be allowed to permit students to make monetary contributions to any school organization in order to obtain permission to deviate from the Winn Parish School Board dress code.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who violate the dress code shall be disciplined in accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*.

A student enrolled in grades prekindergarten through five shall not be suspended or expelled from school or suspended from riding on any school bus for a dress code violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.

BODY ARMOR

It shall be unlawful and against School Board policy for any student or non-student to wear or possess on his/her person, at any time, body armor on any School Board property, school campus, at a school-sponsored function, on a school bus or other school transportation, or in a firearm-free zone, with limited exception as enumerated in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9. School-sponsored functions shall include, but not be limited to, athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities. A firearm-free zone means any area within one thousand feet of any school campus and within a school bus.

Body armor shall mean bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

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