

West Middle School - Rules and Regulations Regarding Personal Appearance Code

General

All students should be clean and neat in dress and appearance.

Any clothing, lack of clothing or article that is indecent or potentially dangerous will not be allowed.

Specific

Hats and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in the school building. No long chains, fish hooks, dog collars or other items that could cause harm or distraction to instruction.

Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes and slippers are inappropriate.

Shorts, dresses, skorts, or skirts in their appropriateness must be no higher than mid-thigh.

Yoga pants/Tights/Leggings may not be worn without a skirt, dress, top, or short that is no higher than mid-thigh.

All slacks, trousers, blue jeans, shorts, etc. **must be worn around the waist** and have no rips, holes, or tears.

No spandex or tight garments may be worn as primary item of clothing (bike shorts, etc.)

Tank tops, sleeveless tops, midriff tops, tube tops, strapless and halters worn alone are not allowed. If any undergarment can be seen, it is inappropriate. Deep neck-lines are inappropriate.

No profanity, vulgarity, lewd pictures or inappropriate language may be written or drawn on student clothing

No shirts, blouses or jewelry with drug or alcohol language.

No clothing featuring drug related symbols will be allowed.

Bandanas are not allowed.

NO heavy/bulky coats and/or jackets may be worn to school but must remain in the locker during school hours. Backpacks, drawstring bags, purses, and athletic bags must remain in the locker during school hours.

Enforcement

The school administration shall have the right to evaluate any clothing to determine its acceptability within the guidelines of the dress code. Administrators shall also have the right to make an interpretation on the decency and appropriateness of any garment. Administrators, teachers, and other certified personnel are responsible for enforcing the dress code. Possible exceptions for special days will be at the discretion of the administration.

Consequences

Students who fail to comply with the dress code may be sent home when deemed appropriate by school administrators and are subject to disciplinary action. Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained from the school administrator PRIOR to wearing the apparel to school.

1st Offense: correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian; conference with administrator

2nd Offense: correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to after-school detention

3rd Offense: Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to Friday School

4th Offense: Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and school suspension.