

WCSD Dress Code for Students

The Board encourages students to be dressed and groomed in a manner which reflects good taste, decency, and pride in appearance as this will contribute to the maintenance of a proper learning environment and will portray a favorable image of the individual and the school.

Safety, health, sanitation, individual dignity, respect for the educational process, and a non-disruptive learning environment provide the basis for the dress code. If the clothing, hair, cosmetics, jewelry, or general appearance of a student constitutes a health threat or possible distraction to the educational process, the teacher may counsel with the student about the attire or grooming. The principal or his designee may take disciplinary action as appropriate to maintain standards of dress and grooming in the school, which shall include, but not be limited to, suspension from classes or school or expulsion. The principal shall have the discretion and final authority in declaring whether or not clothing or grooming is in violation of this dress code. Compliance with this student dress and grooming code shall be the responsibility of the individual and parents to comply within guidelines established and this policy.

- **UNIFORM TOPS:** Solid colored polo shirts or button down dress shirts based on the student's home school must possess the Wilkinson County School District logo (new WC logo) and may be long or short-sleeved. Hoodies are **NOT** permitted.

*Wilkinson County Elementary School – **Hunter Green***

*Wilkinson County High School 7th and 8th grade only – **Orange***

*Wilkinson County High School 9th-12th grades – **White/Kelly Green***

- **UNIFORM BOTTOMS:** Hemmed khaki or navy blue uniform bottoms **SHALL NOT** be more than or shorter than six inches while standing from the middle of the kneecap khaki or navy blue shorts, capri pants, and trousers. Jeans, cargo pants, joggers, sweat pants, zip-off, tights, pajama pants, leggings, and/or jeggings are **NOT** permitted. Jeans are **ONLY** permitted on days designated by the principal or superintendent.
- Book bags **MUST** be clear or mesh.
- Sunglasses, hats, caps, headbands, bonnets, curlers, or other headgear shall not be worn in the buildings, unless prescribed by a doctor. Head gear (caps, hats, bandanas, “doo” rags, towels) or any “gang” paraphernalia is prohibited. The only exceptions to any head gear includes a hair net or cap required where long hair poses a health or safety threat near open flames, moving machines, or in food preparation classes or hair bows.
- Closed toe shoes with closed heels **MUST** be worn at ALL times. House slippers, slides, shower shoes, Crocs, clogs, sandals, and flip flops are **NOT** permitted. Steel toe boots are permitted for welding and construction students **ONLY**. No roller shoes of any type are permitted.
- Clothing, including face masks/coverings, with suggestive, obscene, or disruptive, or vulgar designs, pictures, symbols, slogans, or statements that cause a disruption to or detract from the educational process are not permitted. This shall include, but not be limited to: nude/semi-nude figures; pictures or logos of alcoholic beverages or cigarettes,

obscene gestures or words, or words/pictures that depict prohibited substances or actions; gang marks, drawings, designs or emblems; figures in sexually suggestive postures.

- No see-through clothing or halter tops shall be worn. Shirts/blouses must cover the stomach and top of the shoulders.
- Jewelry worn in such a manner that the instructional environment, safety and/or health of a student may be jeopardized is forbidden, as determined at the discretion of the principal.
- A solid color t-shirt, as long as it is one of the school colors- hunter green, orange, kelly green, or white-may be worn as an undergarment. This may be short or long-sleeved, regular or mock/turtleneck. Under shirts **MUST** be tucked in.
- Pants should be worn at the waist and shirts are to be worn tucked into pants, skirts, slacks, or skorts (ALL STUDENTS). “Low-riding” and/or “sagging” is prohibited.
- Khaki or navy colored skorts and jumpers are acceptable at Wilkinson County Elementary School **ONLY**.
- Black or brown belts **MUST** be worn and buckled appropriate for pants that have belt loops. Belts must be free of insignias (i.e Gucci, large rodeo buckles, etc.)
- Students are prohibited from wearing additional “patches,” pins, or ear rings that may be considered lewd, profane, obscene, suggestive, vulgar; which may harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean other groups or which display illegal merchandise or contraband.
- Tattoos that are considered lewd, profane, obscene, suggestive, and/or vulgar cannot be visible; they must be covered.
- The district does not require the outer garment (coat) as part of the mandatory uniform dress code; however, Hoodies are **NOT** permitted.
- Any dress or personal appearance that the administration has evidence is disruptive, inappropriate, or presents a safety hazard to students or as a possible disruption to the educational/instructional process will be dealt with on an individual basis according to the discretion of the principal.
- The principal or his/her designee may take disciplinary action as appropriate to maintain standards of dress and grooming in the school, which shall include, but is not limited to, suspension from classes or school or expulsion. The principal shall have final authority in declaring whether or not clothing or grooming is in violation of this dress code, subject only to a final decision by the superintendent and appeal to the Board from such a decision.
- If a student disciplined under this policy believes their clothing expression has been targeted based on its viewpoint, then the student may appeal a decision to the school board to be heard by the school board or its designated hearing officer at or before the next meeting of the school board.
- Transfer students (**ONLY**) will be given five (5) days to comply with the WCSD uniform policy.
- Safety, health, sanitation, individual dignity, respect for the educational process and a non-disruptive learning environment provide the basis for the dress code. If the clothing, hair, cosmetics, jewelry, or general appearance of a student constitutes a health threat, the teacher may counsel with the student about the attire or grooming.
- Compliance with this student dress and grooming code shall be the responsibility of the individual and parents with guidelines established.

EXCEPTIONS

- Students who are members of school sponsored clubs and organizations, JROTC, Allied Health, and other Career & Technical programs will be allowed to wear their designated clothing/uniforms as instructed by their teacher and approved by the principal.
- Athletic teams, cheerleaders, band members, and academic teams will be allowed to practice/compete in their designated uniform/equipment as approved by the sponsors, coaches, and principal.
- Physical education classes will be given, by their teacher, a defined type and color of shorts and shirts to wear during class.
- Transfer students will have five (5) days from enrollment to adhere to the dress code.
- Special Services students' dress shall be governed by their Individualized Education Plan when applicable.

The principal may designate certain days during the year as “Free Dress” days, and students will not have to wear uniforms on those days ONLY.