

**Board Policy JCDB: Student Dress Code**

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## **DRESS CODE**

The student along with his/her parents is responsible for appropriate dress and adherence to the Washington County Dress Code while attending Washington County Schools. A neat, dignified, and well-groomed appearance is expected of every student. We strive to instill a level of excellence in our students in order to develop their personal best in academics, extra-curricular activities, and appearance. We are preparing students for their future-today!

The administrative staff and faculty are responsible for the enforcement of the Washington County Dress Code. If a student is not in uniform or not adhering to the dress code rules, then he/she will be in violation of Washington County Schools Dress Code. This will be a discipline offense, and the student will be dealt with accordingly. The dress code will also apply to all formal events and field trips.

The Washington County School System requires all students in Pre-K through 12 to wear a school uniform. All students in Pre-K through 12 (except those deemed exempt) must adhere to this mandatory school uniform policy with the following dress code being applied in all schools:

- Solid black, khaki colored or navy blue pants/slacks (no hospital scrubs, knit pants, leggings (as an outer garment), jogging or cargo pants; no zippers or pockets on pant legs).
- Uniform pants must be worn and belted at the natural waist and made of standard uniform material (cotton, twill, or a blend of uniform-type material, not including denim or denim look alike).
- Belt buckles must be no more than 2 inches wide with no designs or graffiti.
- Belts must be worn.
- Any solid color and/ or striped short/long sleeve shirts; must be collar-style shirts (Polo or Oxford style) If logo is worn on the shirt it must be no larger than three (3) inches.
- Shorts, Capri's, wrap skorts, skirts, and jumpers must be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee (front and back). The colors are solid black, khaki colored, or navy blue (standard uniform material – cotton, twill, or a blend of uniform type material, not including denim).

- Any solid color dress may be worn but must be no shorter than 2 (two) inches above the knee in front and in back. Strapless dresses are not allowed. Thin-strapped dresses must have a solid color polo-style shirt underneath.
- No hooded jacket, no hooded sweaters or no hooded pull-overs can be worn in grades K-12.
- Closed-toe and closed-back shoes are required. The foot must be completely covered.
- Leggings cannot be worn as an outer garment but may be worn under a dress or skirt.
- Any solid-colored sweaters (no hooded) or vests will be permitted.
- All shirts must be tucked in for girls and boys.
- All shirts must be long enough to be tucked in for boys and girls.
- T-shirts, tank tops, thermal undergarments, and turtlenecks in a solid color may be worn under the uniform top.
- No extreme hair color/style that causes disruption or interferes with the learning environment will be allowed. Hair color is defined as a natural hair color.
- No hats, caps, sweatbands, do-rags, skull caps, scarves or sunglasses may be worn in the building.
- No skin-tight clothing.
- No heavy, metal jewelry with symbols.
- No bedroom shoes.
- No offensive or sexually suggestive nail art, tattoos or belts.
- No pajamas.
- No denim or denim look alike (any color) jeans, skirts, dresses, jumpers, jackets, etc. (except on a Principal's approved Spirit Day)
- No grills may be worn in the mouth.
- No visible piercings may be worn except in the ears.

**The Principal may adjust the code as needed for special events such as Homecoming Week, Red Ribbon, Spirit Friday (jeans and spirit wear with Washington County Logos), School Prom and special situation(s) for individual students. This will be left to the discretion of the school administrator.**

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