

Wyoming Public School District Dress Code

Dress for Respect

The Wyoming Public School District Dress Code expresses our commitment to learning, safety, high standards, freedom of expression, and appropriate, responsible dress for school and school functions. Attention to appearance is a reflection of care and concern for our students and our community. We have established these standards to create an atmosphere of self-respect and respect for others. It is the responsibility of our school system to prepare students for the world of work which requires appropriate dress.

This code is designed to be a guide and is by no means all inclusive. Final decisions concerning appropriateness of dress will be made by the building administrator.

Students in grades K-12 shall not wear the following:

1. Any clothing or apparel which:
 - is considered unsafe, dangerous or a health hazard (no outerwear shall be worn during the school day);
 - contains or alludes to offensive or obscene symbols, signs, slogans or words denigrating any person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation or creates discord among the student body.
 - contains or alludes to offensive language or symbols promoting or endorsing violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vandalism
2. Any attire or grooming disruptive to the instructional process which may include, but is not limited to:
 - bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops and any clothes insufficient to conceal undergarments at all times, such as net/mesh shirts, transparent blouses, shirts or dresses;
 - **Pants, shorts or jeans are to be worn no lower than the hipbones making sure that no underwear or skin is shown when sitting**
 - **Shorts, dresses, or skirts must touch the top of the knee cap when standing**
 - **dresses, pants or shorts that are tight or revealing;**
 - **Shirts must have sleeves (no tank tops, spaghetti straps or exposed under garments)**
 - **Shirt necklines must be no lower than three closed fingers below the collar/base of the neck and no cleavage shall be exposed**
 - **purposely frayed clothing or clothing with holes mid thigh or higher; leggings may be worn only under pants, shorts, dress or skirt that complies to dress code (no see through or fish net leggings allowed)**
 - sunglasses, hairnets, do rags, beanies, hoods or bandanas may not be worn inside the buildings. (7:30 – 2:30)
 - bare feet, slippers;
 - hats worn to school must be kept in the locker or student's backpack during the day. Hats worn or carried to class will be confiscated
 - wallet chains, dog collars, hanging chains, studded jewelry or other accessories that represent a safety threat;
 - jewelry with gang symbols;
 - any combination of clothing which law enforcement agencies currently consider gang-related (These may change).

After School activities/Dances

Dress and attire at after-school events and dances may deviate from these policies. Students should remember that when purchasing clothing for a dance they should avoid dresses/tops that reveal excessive cleavage or dresses/skirts/pants that are excessively short or have slits that are above the mid-thigh.

Consequences

1. First Offense
 - a. XL official dress code T-shirt and/or shorts
2. Second Offense
 - a. XL official dress code T-shirt and/or shorts
3. Third Offense
 - a. Administrative Referral

(Students' will be given the option to change from home or wear the clothing provided by the school. Refusal would be considered Insubordination/defiance and the student will receive disciplinary action in accordance with the code of conduct for such an offense)

Wyoming Public Schools wants a dress code that is modest and easy to follow. School leadership, staff, students and parents must work together. The mission of WPS is to give each student a quality education. Everyone desires that education of students be the main focus.

Exceptions to the Dress Code necessitated by religious practice will be considered individually by the building administrator.

Provisions of the Dress Code are applicable at all times within the school building and during all school activities. Exception or modification of a provision of the dress code may be authorized by the building principal for a specific school-related activity on a single event basis.