

WASHINGTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD DRESS CODE POLICY
Grades 6-12
2026-2027

DRESS AND PERSONAL GROOMING

Student dress and grooming is not to adversely affect the student's participation in classes, school programs, or other school related activities. Extremes in style and fit in student dress and extremes in style of grooming will not be tolerated. No student shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, blade, symbols, signs, or other things which are evidence of member affiliation in any gang, or are drug related. Policies that regard dress and grooming stress the importance of reducing distractions that inhibit learning and are addressed as an attempt to enhance the learning environment. **School principals maintain the right to determine extremes in styles in dress and grooming and what is appropriate and suitable for school wear.**

MALE STUDENTS Any extreme styles of dress or grooming that create a safety risk or cause a disruption to the educational environment are prohibited. Guidelines include the following:

Hair – Hair must be clean and well groomed. Prohibited items include bandannas, hair wraps/scarves, large headbands, extremes in hairstyles (discretion of administration), lines, letters, or designs shaved in the head. Hair arranged in a manner detrimental to the performance of normal educational activities will be prohibited. Hair must be kept out of the eyes.

Facial Hair – Must be clean, well groomed, neatly trimmed, and a reasonable length.

Nails – Must be of a reasonable length so as not to interfere with academic skills or pose a danger to another individual.

Jewelry - No facial piercings, tongue rings, or gauges in the ear lobe. Earrings are to be worn in the ears only. They are not to be larger than a quarter and no longer than one inch. Any jewelry (necklaces, rings, etc.) that is large or could be harmful to the individual is not permitted.

Any student out of dress code policy has 48 hours to comply with School Board policy. The student will remain in Virtual ISS until he complies with policy. Any extremes of hair styles or jewelry which may cause a safety issue may be prohibited or regulated.

FEMALE STUDENTS: Any extreme styles of dress or grooming that create a safety risk or cause a disruption to the educational environment are prohibited. Guidelines include the following:

Hair – Prohibited items include bandannas, hair rollers, hair wraps/scarves, large headbands, extremes in hairstyles (discretion of administration), lines, letters, or designs shaved in the head. Hair arranged in a manner detrimental to the performance of normal educational activities will be prohibited.

Nails – Must be of a reasonable length so as not to interfere with academic skills or pose a danger to another individual.

Jewelry – Any jewelry (earrings, necklaces, rings, etc.) that is large or could be harmful to the individual is not permitted. Earrings are to be worn in the ears only. They are not to be larger than a quarter and no longer than one inch. No facial piercings, tongue rings, or gauges in the ear lobe.

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

The principal will make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided. Any substantial complaint concerning dress code shall be dealt with by the school administration.

All Washington Parish students are required to adhere to the dress code policy. Students attending Washington Parish Schools will be required to wear uniforms to class. Uniforms shall be worn as follows:

Male Students

- School-adopted polo style shirt with 2 to 3 buttons and collar (color to be designated by individual school)
- Plain dark khaki pants-pleated or straight front (No cuffs allowed on pants in junior high or high school.)
- Plain dark khaki shorts should be no higher than the length of a school ID (3 inches). Measured from the back of the knee.
- The outside label on khaki slacks cannot be larger than 1" x 1".
- Uniform slacks exclude carpenter pant styles, cargo pant styles, excessively baggy styles, bell bottom/flare styles.
- Uniform khaki is a definitive color (dark khaki)
- Uniform slacks must be of uniform style, such as Dickies. However, they do not have to be the Dickies brand.
- No cargo pockets or cell phone pockets on slacks, shorts or shirts.

Female Students:

- School-adopted polo shirt with 2 to 3 buttons and collar (color to be designated by individual school)
- Plain dark khaki slacks-pleated or straight front (No cuffs allowed on shorts in junior high or high school.)
- Plain dark khaki skirt, jumper, Capri, Bermuda shorts or shorts should be no higher than the length of a school ID (3 inches). Measured from the back of the knee. (No cuffs allowed on shorts in junior high or high school.)
- School shirts must be worn under jumpers.
- The outside label on khaki slacks cannot be larger than 1" x 1".
- No cargo pockets or cell phone pockets on shorts, slacks, capris, jumpers, or skirts.
- Uniform slacks exclude carpenter pant styles, cargo pant styles, excessively baggy styles, hip hugger/low riders, bell bottom/flare styles.
- Uniform khaki is a definitive color (dark khaki)
- Uniform slacks must be of uniform style, such as Dickies. However, they do not have to be the Dickies brand.

No multicolored shirts will be allowed for girls or boys. The school name or logo may be professionally sewn/printed on shirts, but is not required. Turtlenecks and sweatshirts (**color designated by school/school affiliated**) only allowed. Sweaters, jackets, and sweatshirts are not to be worn around the waist while in the building. Sweatshirts cannot be oversized. If wearing a school approved sweatshirt or quarter zip pullover, students must wear a school approved polo shirt underneath.

JACKETS

- Jackets must be a solid color and free of all inappropriate logos. A jacket is defined as long sleeved, opened in the front from top to bottom completely by zipper, buttons, or snaps. Shirts, vest, or cropped jackets are not acceptable as jackets. During class time and while in the building, jackets are to remain open – not zipped or buttoned. Hoods on the jackets are not to be worn while in the building. $\frac{3}{4}$ inch zip jackets/sweatshirts may be worn without pouch/pocket.

DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

1. All students will wear the designated uniform clothing as outlined in the dress code policy.
2. The wearing of uniforms, which are oversized, baggy, sagging, or extremely tight fitting is prohibited. Pockets on lower legs of the slacks or exaggerated size pant bottoms will not be allowed. **Slacks must be worn so that the waist cannot go lower than the hipbone.**
3. Slacks/shorts/skirts must be neatly hemmed. Side slits, tight rolls, or holes are not permitted.
4. Belts may not be worn more than one size larger than the waist, and must be worn inside belt loops. All students must wear **plain** belts with clothing that has loops. Only standard belt buckles are approved.

5. **Shirts must be worn tucked in at all times** (sweatshirts are an exception). **Shirts need to be long enough to tuck in pants.** Undergarments must **not** be visible. Only school logos may be printed on school uniforms.
6. All shorts, skirts, capris, and jumpers should be no higher than the length of a school ID (3 inches). Measured from the back of the knee. No slits above the knee will be allowed.
7. All shoes must have a back that goes around the heel of the foot. High heels, wedges, cowboy boots, pointed toe boots, work boots, crocs, and steel toe boots are prohibited.
8. Shoes with holes for laces must be laced and tied. Shoes with velcro straps must be strapped.
9. Shoes with built in roller skates and cleats are prohibited.
10. Body piercing is prohibited. (Examples: Nose, lip, tongue, eyebrows, etc.)
11. Visible tattooing is prohibited and must be covered at all times including school functions.
12. No buttons, pins, or broaches are to be worn.
13. New students or students who transfer from schools within the parish will be given two weeks from the date of enrollment to obtain the required uniform.
14. All caps, hats, skull caps, head scarves/wraps and bandannas are banned from school campuses during regular school hours or any other school activity, except when a medical condition or religious belief so warrants.
15. Only eyeglasses prescribed by a doctor, may be worn on campus.
16. Scarves are not permitted around the neck or the head area.
17. Blankets are not allowed at school or on the bus.
18. Face covering should be a solid color and worn properly.
19. Hooded sweatshirts/ hoodies are not allowed
20. Students are required to wear their student ID. The first ID is provided by the school. If the ID becomes lost, damaged or defaced the student must purchase a new one.
21. Side drawstrings on skirts may not be worn.
22. Leggings of a solid color may be worn underneath skirts/shorts. The skirts/shorts worn over the leggings must be of dress code length.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Students may be given an opportunity to dress out of uniforms for special events, as approved by the principal. Spirit/School T-shirts may be worn with approved pants, skirts, shorts, etc. on these special days.

VIOLATIONS OF DRESS CODE REGULATIONS will result in the following:

Dress code violations will start over at the beginning of each (9) weeks.

Dress Code Violation – Student will be sent home and remain in virtual ISS until the student complies with the uniform policy.

1st - 3rd offense: Letter or phone call to the parent

4th – 6th offense: After School Detention /Saturday Detention and parent/guardian notification per incident (parent/guardian must sign student in)

7th or more offenses: Assigned to one (1) day Virtual ISS per incident.

Principal's discretion will be used in sending a student home until he/she complies with the dress code policy.