

STUDENT DRESS CODE

(Middle and High Schools)

Part of the total educational process for students is learning to dress appropriately and behave responsibly in a variety of situations. Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to the school environment and which does not cause disruption to the academic process. Research has shown a correlation between appearance and behavior, especially in the school setting. The Whitehall City School District requires standard dress for students in grades 6-12 in order to:

1. improve relations by decreasing conflicts over clothing between students, staff, and parents;
2. promote a serious atmosphere for learning
3. promote a sense of school and community.

These regulations will assist parents, students, faculty, and administrators in determining appropriate student standards for dress while at school or school-sponsored activities.

1. Students are responsible to dress according to the approved dress code.
2. Parents are also responsible for ensuring students are dressed appropriately for school.
3. Administration and faculty, together, are responsible for enforcement of the dress code. The dress code is enforced at school and school functions not open to the public. The decision of the principal is final with regard to dress code violations.
4. When dress or grooming interferes with the cleanliness, health, welfare, or safety of students, or when dress or grooming disrupts the educational process by being distracting, indecent or inappropriate, it is prohibited. Clothing must be worn as designed and appropriately sized.
5. Sponsors and teachers of elective programs (such as vocational classes) or elective activities (such as sports and music) may require more strict standards regarding dress and appearance for participants in their program or activity.
6. As new trends in fashion or dress emerge or become out of date, the District reviews and revises the dress code to reflect the standards of the community.

Permitted Attire

Whitehall Spirit Wear:	Style : T-shirts, polos, sweater shirts without hoods Color: Black, white, gray, red, Logos: Whitehall or Rams
Scarves:	Colors: Black, white, gray, red, tan
Headbands:	Colors: Black, white, gray, red, tan
Pants:	Style: Docker, dress, cargo, sweat Fabric: Cotton, twill, corduroy, denim No velour or wind pants Colors: Black, white, gray, tan
Shorts/Capris:	Style: Docker, dress, cargo, Fabric: Cotton, twill, corduroy, denim No velour or wind pants Length: Touching top of knee; No slits Colors: Black, white, gray, tan
Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers/Dresses	Style: Straight or pleated Fabric: Cotton, twill, corduroy, denim No velour or wind pants Length: Touching top of knee; No slits Colors: Black, white, gray, tan
Shirts	Style: All shirts, other than spirit wear t-shirts, must have a collar. All shirts must have sleeves. Collared shirts must have a at least two buttons at the neck. Turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks may be worn. Logos: Shirts may have logos Colors: Black, white, gray, red

Sweaters	Style: V-neck, crewneck, cardigan or vests may be worn. Sweaters may be worn over a collared top. Colors: Black, white, gray, red
Sweatshirts:	Style: Crewneck (no hoodies and they may not be oversized) Colors: Black, white, gray, red
Belts:	Belts, in colors of black or brown, must be worn with pants or skirts that have belt loops.
Shoes/Boots:	Shoes must be worn and may not present a safety hazard. House slippers and slides/flipflops may not be worn Heels may not be higher than 2 inches.
Socks:	Socks, tights, or hose must be in black, white, tan, red, or gray.

Prohibited Attire:

1. Any top or bottom not listed in permitted attire.
2. Accessories which:
 - a. could be interpreted as promoting hate or communicating negative, profane, or vulgar messages;
 - b. denote membership in a gang;
 - c. advertise or are related in any way to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or weapons;
 - d. have messages that are sexual, vulgar, suggestive, or objectionable;
 - e. are extreme in terms or size, color, etc;
 - f. do not match approved colors or
 - g. are deemed to be extreme or distracting by the building principal.
3. Extreme or distracting body piercing adornments.
4. "Dog collars," spiked bracelets, chain wallets or chains that could be dangerous to persons or destructive to school property.
5. Hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, other head apparel (except for religious or medical reasons) or leg or arm bands.
6. Outdoor jackets/coats in the building
7. Hooded tops are not allowed to be worn in the building
8. Slides/flipflops are not allowed to be worn in the building

9. Athletic shorts, sweat shorts, and leggings are not allowed to be worn in the building

Additional Requirements

1. All clothing must be clean and in good repair.
2. No undergarments may show; no see-through clothing
3. All tops, pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers are to be properly fitted and hemmed. Clothing must fit at the waist. No sagging is allowed. No oversized or skin tight clothing is permitted. No tattered, dirty, torn or clothing with holes is permitted.
4. Shirts may be untucked as long as they are below the finger tips.
5. Belts must be secured and fit at the waist.
6. Hair must be clean, worn out of the eyes and groomed at all times; no extreme or distracting hair color or makeup is allowed.
7. Any special needs variations to the standard dress requirements should be approved by medical or IEP authorization.
8. No writing or pictures on clothing, accessories, or shoes except for permitted logos and approved spirit wear.
9. Special days (game days, play days, etc.) may be an exception to the dress code.

Dress Code Violations

Students who violate this policy shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

A warning will be issued and the student's parents/guardians will be notified of the warning and may be required to pick up a student or bring alternative clothing for the student to wear. Further disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the principal. The building principal will make the final decision at the building level if a student's attire does not meet the requirements of this policy.

Dress Code Exceptions:

Exceptions to these guidelines may be made by building principals for activities such as proms, physical education, dress-down days and other special events.

The decision of the principal on dress code violations is final.

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