

Student Dress Code

Purpose: The purpose of Wyomissing Area School District's Student Dress Code Policy is to clearly define acceptable student attire. The objective of the policy is to promote an atmosphere for academic success and provide a positive learning environment for all students. Allowing students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable helps to ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientations, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, or household income.

It is the intent of the policy to:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where precautionary, protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as science labs (eye or body protection) or Physical Education (athletic attire/shoes).
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.

Section 1. Basic Principles: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.

- Clothes must be worn such that midriff, undergarments, side torso, posterior and private areas are fully covered with opaque fabric at all times.
 - *All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.*

Section 2: Students Must Wear, while following all basic principles of Section 1 above.

- A Shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), **AND**
- Pants/jeans or the equivalent (ex: skirt, sweatpants, leggings, dress or shorts), **AND**
- Shoes

Section 3: Students May Wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:

- Religious headwear

- Ripped jeans, rips are to be no higher than mid-thigh and underwear is not to be exposed.
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps and halter tops
 - Sleeves must be worn with tee shirts
- Athletic Attire
 - Sleeves must be worn with sports jerseys, gym shirts (ie: muscle shirts, compression shirts)
- Visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing and above the shoulder (as long as this is done in a way that does not violate Section 1 above)
- Lightweight jackets and jean jackets

Section 4: Students May Not Wear:

- Items containing violent language or images, or weapons
- Images or language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping or paraphernalia or any illegal item or activity).
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals undergarments (visible straps are allowed at the shoulder)
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or that could be harmful to others. (ex: spiked jewelry, metal chains)
- Head wear that includes but not limited to: hats, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head covering, including hoods. Exceptions include: a) religious reasons, b) worn as a matter of health or safety, C.) when worn in connection with a school-sponsored event previously approved by administration
- Winter Coats, throughout the school day. (should be placed in lockers upon arrival)
- Sleepwear/Pajamas, bedroom slippers

Section 5. Dress Code Enforcement

Same as current policy - no change