

Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

Dress Code

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6.310

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1 The Mission of Weakley County Schools is to grow the whole child through quality instruction in a
2 safe environment that encourages student ownership of learning and the pursuit of purpose.

3 We value a commitment to minimizing personal distractions to prioritize learning, communicating
4 clear dress code expectations to preserve a positive learning environment and cultivating relationships
5 between staff, students, and families.

6 The school district and individual schools are responsible for seeing that students' clothing choices do
7 not interfere with the health, safety, and learning for any student.

8 For all students, clothing must be worn in such a way that undergarments are always covered.
9 Tennessee law prohibits exposing body parts in an indecent manner that disrupts the learning
10 environment.

11 For students in middle and high school:

12 **Shirts:**

- 13 • Shall be in any solid color, including T-shirts or shirts with a collar and sleeves (polos or
14 button-ups). On shirts with buttons, only the **top** button can be unbuttoned. Turtleneck or
15 mock turtleneck shirts may not be worn alone but may be worn as an undergarment. (They
16 must be a solid color.)
- 17 • The color of the shirt worn will contrast with the color of the pants worn on any given day.
- 18 • Shirts shall be sized to fit, neither skintight, nor oversized. **No skin must show between
19 the shirt and pants in any position.**
- 20 • Shirts may have a small design or logo provided it is no larger than a 3 ½"x 2" business
21 card. (The logo of Weakley County Schools or the school team or school organization is
22 exempt from this size requirement.)
- 23 • School spirit wear (sweatshirts, t-shirts or other team, club, or school extracurricular
24 activity items) will be allowed when approved by the school administrator or designee.
- 25 • Shirts shall be in good condition, free of tears and holes.

27 **Pants:**

- 28 • Pants shall be sized to fit, fitted at the waist, neither skintight, oversized, sagging, nor
29 dragging the ground or floor.
- 30 • Pants shall have no embroidery, sequins, beads, appliques, patches or other decorations.
- 31 • Pants shall be in good condition and free of tears and holes.
- 32 • The following pants styles are NOT PERMITTED: Yoga pants, leggings, pajama pants.
33 Leggings, yoga pants, and other form-fitting clothing may only be worn if covered by a
34 top, dress, or skirt that extends to the top of the knee. These items should not be worn as
35 standalone pants.
- 36 • Pants shall be a solid color. The color of the pants worn will contrast with the color of the
37 shirt worn on any given day.

- Pants are to have no more than two side pockets and two back pockets. Cargo pants are not considered acceptable attire.
- Shorts, which touch the top of the knee when standing, shall be a solid color.
- Capri pants will be accepted in solid colors.
- Wind pants, athletic shorts, or other leisure/sports attire are to be reserved for after school hours for events/team travel.
- For safety reasons, belt buckles are to be **no larger than a credit card**. Belts are to be solid in color.
- Suspenders are not allowed.

Skirts and Jumpers:

- Skirts shall be solid in color. Acceptable hemlines will touch the top of the knee or longer when standing.

Outer Garments:

- Solid colored sweaters may be worn, provided they are free of writing, symbols embroidery, sequins, beads, appliques, patches or other decorations. Sweaters which rest at the hip are acceptable.
A sweater is considered cotton, cotton/poly blend or of fleece style. A sweater may be of any solid color, may be short or long sleeved, may have a full or ¼” zipper, and may be a vest style. A sweater may have a hood, but the hood may not be worn inside of the school building.
- If a sweater is worn, an approved style shirt, t-shirt, or turtleneck/mock turtleneck must be worn underneath.
- School spirit wear will be allowed to and from each campus, and to school events.
- Hoodies may be worn, but the hood may not be worn inside of the school building. A hoodie is considered outerwear, so an approved style shirt, t-shirt, or turtleneck/mock turtleneck must be worn underneath.
- Due to varying classroom temperatures, heavy jackets/raincoats/coats may be **carried** by students throughout the instructional hours of the day. Jackets/raincoats/coats must be solid in color or blocks of color (no patterns, writing, or designs). Camouflage heavy jackets/raincoats/coats will be permitted, provided that they adhere all other guidelines for outerwear. All jackets will fall no longer than at the hip. Jackets/coats may have a hood, but the hood may not be worn inside of the school building.
- Name brand jackets may have a small design or logo provided it is no larger than a 3-1/2” x 2” business card.

Shoes:

- For safety reasons, shoes will be laced, tied, strapped, or hooked if intended. Sandals, tennis shoes, loafers and boots will be accepted. House shoes will not be permitted. Flip flops are not considered appropriate attire.
- For safety reasons, heel height will be limited to 1 ½”.
- Socks, worn with shoes, will be solid in color and matching.

Headwear/Jewelry/Accessories, etc.:

- Hats, hoods, toboggans, bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, stocking caps, hair rollers or combs will not be considered acceptable in the school building.
- Ear piercing, a maximum of two per ear, is the only form of acceptable displayed piercing.

Religious Exemptions:

A religious exemption may be based upon the religion of the parent/guardian or student, but the custodial parent/guardian must apply for the exemption in writing in any case.¹

Application shall be made to the school to which the student attends. A response to the exemption request may be expected within one week. If the request is denied, a written explanation will be provided by the school principal.

An appeal to the principal's decision may be made to the Director of Schools office within two (2) days. The office of Director of Schools will arrange a meeting with the custodial parent(s)/guardian within five (5) school days of the receipt of the request for appeal. If this appeal is denied, a written explanation will be provided in writing.

Transfer Students:

Students transferring into the Weakley County Schools system will be allowed up to two (2) weeks to acclimate to the standardized dress code policy as set forth above.