



Williston Middle School Dress Code Policy 2019-2020



Students at Williston Middle School are expected to adhere to appropriate dress for school and school-related events. It is our belief that extreme styles in clothing may be detrimental to the maintenance of discipline and morale in school. The administration and school staff are responsible for determining and enforcing regulations governing proper dress of students. Any type of dress which is disruptive or detracts from learning will not be permitted.

Shirts

Polos, button down shirts, or turtlenecks in any **SOLID** color will be allowed. Labels, logos, or graphics may not be larger than 3x3. Official New Hanover County Schools Spirit Wear (any NHCS School) may be worn daily.

****Official Williston and NHCS Spirit T-shirts (ladies style also available), hoodies, and fleece pullovers may be worn daily. Williston items are purchased from the Williston PTA or ordered through the school Spirit wear is sold at the PTA store every Friday morning from 8:00 until 8:30, and at all PTA events. Order forms are available in the front office and can be returned there with payment. Your student will receive their spirit wear the next Friday (or sooner) in their homeroom class.****

Sweatshirts/ Hoodies/ Jackets

Official Williston and NHCS sweatshirts and hoodies are permitted. Solid lightweight jackets and zippered sweatshirts in solid colors only are allowed, with a collared shirt or spirit wear t-shirt underneath. Hoods and hats will be completely removed from head upon entering the building. Heavy winter jackets may be worn to school, but must be kept in student's locker.

Bottoms (pants, jeans, shorts, dresses, skirts, skorts, capris)

Bottoms can be any color. The bottoms must be denim or khaki material. *Sweatpants are still not allowed, but jeans are!*

- **Shorts, skirts, jumpers, dresses, and skorts must be at finger-tip length when arms are by side and fully extended.**
- **Gym shorts/sweatpants with Williston printed on them are allowed.**
- **Pants must be free of tears, holes or rips.**
- **Leggings and tights may only be worn under skirts – NOT AS PANTS! They may be any color.**
- **No pajama pants may be worn.**

- **Athletic apparel (basketball/gym shorts, sweatpants): worn in gym class only unless official Williston apparel.**

****Pants worn below the waist or showing clothing/underwear beneath the main outerwear and girls' "low rider" pants that reveal skin are unacceptable. There will be no sagging pants with the crotch closer to the knees than to its intended location. Pants must stay up without assistance – if you have to hold the waistband while walking or running to keep your pants on, then your pants do not fit. A zip tie may be used as a substitute for a belt.**

Shoes

For your safety, flip-flop style sandals of any kind, athletic slides, bedroom shoes, and spiked heels are not allowed. Socks are to be worn under pant legs. Pants should not be tucked into socks.

Headgear

Hats and hoodies are to be removed in the building. NO BANDANAS or scarfs (as headbands, wraps, bows, etc.).

General

- All clothing must be worn in an appropriate and tasteful manner, and as originally intended by the designer. For example, headbands will not be worn around the neck; shirts must be buttoned so chest or T-shirts are not exposed, shoes must be fastened/tied; etc. Clothes may not be inside out or backward, and must stay up/ on independently.
- Extremely loose/big clothes (huge XL T-shirts, **sagging pants**) or extremely tight/small clothes (midriff-baring tops, mini-skirts, spaghetti straps, short shorts, low-cut blouses, tight pants, jeggings, etc.) are not permitted.
- Clothing with abusive, suggestive or profane language; symbols of illegal substances; or any other words, symbols or slogans that disrupt the learning environment may not be worn.

During the course of the year, the Principal and staff of Williston Middle School may determine that new fads and modes of dress are disruptive to a safe and orderly learning environment. For example, certain accessories or styles may be gang-related, or may convey non-verbal messages that are inappropriate for schools. **We reserve the right to adjust the dress code accordingly.**