

WASHINGTON COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DRESS CODE POLICY 24-25

WCES students are expected to be neat and modest in appearance. Clothes should be clean and fit appropriately. All schools are primarily educational institutions; no extreme form of personal appearance will be allowed to interfere with the educational process.

1. All students and families are expected to comply with the Washington County Elementary School Dress Code Policy.
2. Students who do not follow the Dress Code Policy will receive a written warning. With a violation, parents will be contacted to bring acceptable clothing items. If a parent cannot be reached or cannot bring a change of clothing, then the student may be given something to wear from the clothing closet. A written violation will be sent home with the student.

Once a student receives three (3) written Dress Code violations, a one (1) hour after school detention will be served. If student cannot have a ride provided within the week of the third violation, three (3) lunch detentions will be served to equal the one (1) hour after school detention. This applies to all grades K – 5.

3. Clothing, clothing accessories, book bags, and other school accessories should not display the following: Inappropriate language or pictures, sexual connotations, offensive ethnic or religious comments/pictures, references to tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or violence. Any item of clothing in which the contextual message of the article or the use of the symbol does not demonstrate prejudice will be allowed.

Shirts/Sweatshirts/Hoodies/Jackets

- Shirts must have AT LEAST short sleeves and reach past the waist of the pants; no bare skin showing in the middle when standing, sitting, walking, etc.
- NO sleeveless shirts, tank tops, mesh tops, cold shoulder, or sheer see-through blouses.
- No V-neck or low-cut shirt that shows more than collarbone.
- Undergarments should not be visible through a shirt or uncovered by shirt.
- No bare midriffs, crop tops, or bare backs, including sundresses.
- No underwear worn as outerwear.
- Hoodies may be worn but hoods shall not be worn inside of the building at any time.
- Jackets, if worn inside, must be worn appropriately.
- No bulky jackets may be worn inside the building.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses

- Pants must be appropriate in fit and length, worn at the waist securely, showing no undergarments.
- Pants with holes, rips, frays, or tears 6 inches above the knee must have leggings or shorts beneath them.
- Shorts must not be higher than 6 inches above the knee.

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- Leggings must be covered, in the front and back, by an overgarment (blouse, sweatshirt, t-shirt, tunic).
- Pants with elastic waists may be worn. Sweatpants without elastic must have a drawstring to hold them up around the waist.
- Shorts must be worn under skirt/dress for Grades K-2.
- No print/graphic on the back of pants/shorts/skirts (i.e. no writing is allowed across the student's bottom.)

Shoes

- Tennis shoes, boat shoes, or close toed shoes may be worn.
- NO open-toed shoes, flip-flops, sandals, high heels. ALL shoes must have a back.
- Boots may NOT be worn to PE. Please check your child's activity schedule.
- Shoes may NOT have wheels at school.

Masks/Accessories/Headgear

- All guidelines recommended by the CDC, Kentucky Department of Education, and Washington County Board of Education regarding masks will be followed.
- Students are allowed to wear masks appropriately, even if not mandated.
- Accessories may not include chains or spikes.
- No face paint or visible body art.
- No make-up, cologne, nail polish or hair spray may be brought to school.
 - o If it is worn, it must be applied away from school.
- Small earrings only-no dangling earrings or hoops (not larger than a nickel coin and must lay close to the ear).
- No unnatural hair colors.
- No wrist bands or sweat bands.
- No hats, caps, hoods, gloves, scarves, or bandanas (unless worn as a mask) inside the school building.

The Principal has final authority in determining appropriate school attire. Anything that interrupts the learning environment will be discussed on a case-by-case basis. There may be optional clothing in the office to replace any inappropriate attire. Failure to comply with dress code guidelines will result in consequences per the behavior matrix.

EVERY DAY IS A G.R.E.A.T. DAY TO BE A COLONEL!

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