

# COUNCIL POLICY

**DISTRICT:** Washington

**SCHOOL:** North Washington

## TITLE: Dress Code

### POLICY STATEMENT:

#### North Washington Dress Code- 2024-2025

All schools are primarily educational institutions; *no extreme form of personal appearance will be allowed to interfere with the educational process.* **Attention shall be given to neatness, cleanliness, and modesty.** Students, faculty and employees are expected to wear appropriate dress not only at school but at all school-sponsored activities and field trips including all athletic practices and events. Athletic uniforms will be subject to manufacturer's design.

It is the desire of faculty, students, and parents to establish and maintain a respectable, conscientious educational environment. Therefore, the following policy will be implemented at North Washington Elementary School.

*Please Note:*

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.

#### **Bottoms**

- All pants/shorts must be worn around the waist (not bagging below the waistline).
- All shorts/skirts, or dresses must be within six inches of the top of the knee.
- Jeans/slacks/shorts shall not have rips, frays, holes, or tears above the top of the knee.
- No sleepwear and/or house slippers are permitted.
- All pants/shorts must be free from print or graphics on the back (i.e. no writing is allowed across the student's bottom).

#### **Tops**

- No sleeveless shirts, tank tops, mesh tops, off shoulder, cold shoulder, or sheer/see through blouses.
- No V-neck or low-cut shirt that shows more than collarbone
- All shirts must cover the stomach and back and be worn appropriately.

#### **Footgear**

- Students will not be allowed to utilize shoes with wheels or skate-like shoes; no skateboards or other items with wheels.
- Students will need to wear appropriate sneakers/shoes for PE days.

#### **Headgear**

- Hats, hoods, sun visors, bandanas on the head, or scarves on the head may not be worn or visible at school.

#### **Accessories**

- Students shall not wear chains from clothing, backpacks, or billfolds.
- Students shall not wear lanyards.
- No blankets are permitted.
- No make-up, cologne/perfume, nail polish, or hair spray may be brought to school.

#### **Special Events**

- Communication on dress code for special events will be provided by the event sponsor.

VIOLATIONS GRADES PRESCHOOL-3RD

1. Each teacher will be responsible for observing children and addressing dress code violations early in the morning.
2. With a violation, the student will be directed to the clothes closet or allowed to call parents to bring acceptable clothing items. If a parent cannot be reached or cannot bring a change of clothing, then the child will be given something to wear from the clothing closet.

VIOLATIONS GRADES 4-8

1. Each teacher will be responsible for observing children and addressing dress code violations early in the morning.
2. With a violation, 4th and 5th grade students will be directed to the clothes closet or allowed to call parents to bring acceptable clothing items. 6th-8th grade students will be directed to call parents to bring acceptable clothing items and will **NOT** have access to the clothes closet. After three violations, 4th-8th grade students will spend an hour in after school detention or Saturday School.

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.

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