

# 2025-2026 STUDENT DRESS CODE

W.A. Perry students are expected to dress and be groomed so as not to distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. The personal appearance of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a climate conducive to teaching and learning, and project a positive image of the District to the community. Students should dress for the educational setting and not the recreational one.

Clothing and/or hair should not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the educational process. Therefore, clothing deemed distracting, revealing, overly suggestive or disruptive will not be permitted.

Wearing accessories or clothing that could pose a safety threat to oneself or others is prohibited. This includes heavy chains not made as jewelry, fishhooks, multiple finger rings (rings welded together resembling brass knuckles or rings that can be used as a weapon), studded bracelets or collars, nose/lip-to-ear chains, etc. Unusual body piercings that are disruptive to the order of the school or are a distraction to the learning environment will not be allowed.

Tights, leggings, jeggings, and/or yoga pants (4% or more spandex) are only permitted if worn with a loose-fitting top that stops at the fingertips. Holes in jeans are only permitted if some type of garment is worn underneath. Holes should not be more than three inches above the kneecap. Students are not permitted to wear jeans with holes in the rear (i.e., buttocks, thighs, etc.). Spandex skirts and dresses are not permitted. All shorts, skirts, and dresses should be at least fingertip length when students stand with their arms relaxed at their sides.

Pants must be worn at the natural waistline, and undergarments are not to be visible. If they do not fit properly, a belt must be worn to keep them in place.

Shirts must be tucked to the extent that belts or waistbands are clearly visible at all times. Sleeveless attire cannot reveal undergarments. Shirts cannot be tight, low-cut, or show cleavage. Shirts should be loose-fitting and fully cover the upper body. Tank tops, halter-tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, see-through shirts, and shirts with shoulder cutouts (i.e., cold shoulder shirts) will not be allowed.

Students may not wear hats, hoods, head scarves, bonnets, etc., inside the building. If any of these items are needed for medical reasons, a medical note from a doctor must be provided. Headbands and sweatbands made from appropriate cloth are permitted. Headbands should be less than 3 inches wide.

Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense. In determining whether or not a student is in violation of the prohibition on the

wearing/display of a gang-related item, the district will maintain, in all of its school offices, an example of potential gang indicators, including symbols, hand signals, graffiti, and clothing/accessories. Bandannas and do-rags are not allowed on campus. Administrators will not be held liable for confiscated items.

Proper shoes must be worn at all times. Open-back shoes are permitted. Shower shoes, bedroom slippers, and slides, including bubble slides, are not allowed. Stilettos and open-toe shoes are also not permitted. Crocs are permissible.

Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive. Lower garments should be of adequate length to assure modesty when the student is seated or engaged in school activities.

Students may not continue to attend class wearing inappropriate clothing. Neither parents/legal guardians nor students will place the burden of enforcing the dress code solely on the school. Parents/Legal guardians and students are expected to comply to ensure a comfortable, safe, and non-confrontational environment for all students.

Students must wear his/her ID badge every day. It is a security measure to aid in identifying students. The ID is considered a part of the dress code.

Administrators and faculty members are expected to always enforce the dress code. The administration will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any clothing or other items that lead to or may foreseeably result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment.

If a student comes to school not wearing the dress code, the student will be allowed to call home for a change of clothes. The student will be sent to In-School Suspension until a change of clothes is dropped off by the parent/guardian.

Failure to comply with the dress code could result in the following disciplinary actions:

- 1st - 3rd Offense      Warning (contact parent for a change of clothes)
- 4th Offense          After School Detention/parent contact
- 5th Offense          Saturday Detention/parent contact

Repeated violations of this dress code will be treated as disruptive behavior in violation of the student code of conduct. However, dress code violations will not carry over on the student's discipline record to subsequent years.