

# West Rusk Secondary Dress Code

## Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, providing that they comply with the following:

1. No head coverings of any type are to be worn inside the building by students before or during school. The only exceptions will be on designated days during spirit week, during athletic practices or competitions, and for safety reasons in the wood or metal shop areas and the culinary arts class. Students who wear any head coverings in the building could have that article of clothing confiscated and given to the principal. The article of clothing will be returned at the principal's discretion.
2. No low cut clothing (neck or underarm) male or female. Sundresses and shirts that are backless or have spaghetti straps are not allowed. No one shoulder or off shoulder blouses or tops. Undergarments on males or females may not show. Male shirts must have sleeves.
3. A shirt must be properly fitted. All shirts must touch the top of the pants, shorts, skirts, etc. with arms raised overhead. When arms are raised no midriff can be exposed.
4. No piercings deemed distracting will be allowed.
5. House shoes, blankets, and pajamas or look-alike pajamas (even if they are called something else) are not permitted.
6. No excessive or disruptive makeup.
7. No politically or racially related symbols, emblems, pictures, words, slogans, or names may be worn or displayed on clothing, backpacks, personal vehicles, etc.
8. No obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on clothing, backpacks, book covers, jewelry, or anywhere on campus or school related activities.
9. Tattoos on High School students deemed inappropriate by administration must be covered by clothing. Junior High students are not allowed to have a visible tattoo.
10. Hair, including facial hair, must be neat, clean, and well groomed. No unnatural hair color deemed distracting, or hair style that is disruptive: such as Mohawks, half-shaved heads, etc. Hair should not cover the eyes.

11. All clothing must be appropriately sized and fit at the natural waist. No excessively loose clothing that results in “sagging” and showing of any undergarments or skin.
12. No dark glasses: (unless prescribed by a physician for indoor use). No distracting contacts or eyewear will be allowed.
13. No see through, provocative or excessively tight clothing are allowed (i.e. tights, leggings, and yoga pants may be worn but must have shirt/dress/skirt that is fingertip length over tights/leggings/pants).
14. No excessively torn clothing (i.e. no holes above fingertip length).
15. No clothing worn in a manner for which it was not intended such as backwards, inside out, etc.
16. No accessory, clothing article, bandana, etc. deemed gang related.
17. Shorts, dresses, and skirts must not be shorter than fingertip length.
18. Students must wear appropriate undergarments.
19. No excessively long belts, wallet chains, oversized chains, or dog collars.
20. The school district discourages the wearing of expensive jewelry and other apparel and is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

It is the responsibility of all students to adhere to the dress and grooming code. As long as the policy is in effect, the student must respect the decisions made by the principal or designee and realize that it is the principal or designee’s responsibility to enforce the code and make decisions. Likewise, it is the responsibility of every faculty member to address dress code violations and report it to the principal or designee as necessary. If the principal determines that a student’s grooming or clothing violates the school’s dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the student will be assigned ISS until the problem is corrected. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

I have read the above sections of the student handbook and understand that the consequences will be given for failure to follow the above policies.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_