



Westside Pre-Engineering STEAM Magnet High School

Dress Code Policy & Principles

Students are individuals, who have the right to express themselves through their unique tastes of fashion; however, we uphold the vision that students need to be “college or career ready” when they come to school by ensuring that their appearance and clothing are fostering a positive image of themselves and are appropriate for the learning environment.

The dress code restrictions are based on the following principles:

W - We are prepared >> Your clothing and appearance should communicate that you are aware of your learning goals and that you attend school to become a competitive and productive citizen for the 21st century global society. Dress up for success.

H - Hold ourselves accountable >> Your clothing and appearance should demonstrate your strength of character and pride in your educational accomplishments, as well as owning your mistakes and learning from them, and that you represent the image of our school.

S - Show respect for all >> Your clothing and appearance should show respect for yourself, for your peers, for the school staff and visitors, and for your learning environment. Your clothing preference should not interfere with your learning process and should be in line with the business of teaching and learning.

Restricted items that are specific to WHS:

FOOTWEAR: Slides with socks, Crocs, bedroom slippers, flip-flops of any styles/designs, stiletto of 4-5 inches in heels, and shower shoes are not school attire. They are not allowed on school property.

DEVICES: Earbuds, headphones (big beats), and Bluetooth devices are not allowed to be used or worn inside the classrooms at any time, except in the cafeteria during lunch time.

TOP: Croptops that exposed the belly (wearing a jacket/sweater does not correct the violation because the jacket/sweater can come off). The shirt/blouse should cover the waistband of the bottom outfit. No spaghetti straps, tank tops or muscle shirt. Undergarments should not be seen through or exposed. No Jumpsuits/ Bib Overall and Body Suit allowed.

BOTTOM: Pants with holes: Exposed skin from the knee down to the ankle is acceptable. Exposed skin from the hip down but above the knee is **unacceptable** - short pants/leggings/tights have to be worn to cover exposed skin. Shorts and skirts must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. If unsure, then please do not wear them to school. Clothing that is too short or too tight is not permitted.

Pajamas of any type are not allowed. Fishnets, tights or leggings of any design/styles should not be worn as pants.

HEAD COVER: Any type of “Head Coverings” for both males and females are not allowed (unless it is based on one’s deep-core religious beliefs). NO hats, caps, hoods, bandannas, do rags, curlers, and picks.

BCSD General Guidelines for ALL attire

All clothing must be appropriately sized, and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which may not be seen through the garment.

All shirts must have sleeves. No spaghetti straps or tank tops.

All clothing must cover the body without openings, slits, or holes (as specified under restricted items) that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.

WHS CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Written Warning / May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected / ISS / Parental suspension or Out-of-School Suspension for multiple violations.

Compliance Measures: The intent of these requirements is to promote an environment consistent with the business of teaching and learning. To this end, students who are not properly attired will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions, as outlined by District policies and determined by the principal or designee.

Please see Westside's website for the COMPLETE BCSD Unified Dress Code and Westside Dress Code.

