



Waterford School District

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

As a school, our goal is to offer an environment that is conducive to learning. We are an educational institution, preparing our children for life-long learning and the world of work. With this in mind, we work hard to establish an atmosphere that is respectful to all, encourages work, is safe and does not distract from the learning process. Our dress code policy is aligned with these goals.

The school has a right to ask a student to change his/her dress or personal grooming habits if it is deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the educational environment. Repeat violations of the dress and grooming code shall be considered defiance of authority and may result in disciplinary action as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Administrators will make the final determination as to what constitutes appropriate attire.

PROHIBITED APPAREL

- **Pajamas, pajama pants, loungewear, or other sleepwear.**
- **Jeans and shorts with tears and holes that reveal excessive amounts of skin are not allowed.**
- Beachwear
- "Bag and sag" pants/sweats/shorts (oversized pockets, oversized crotch, oversized legs) that must be held up to walk.
- Biker and spandex shorts.
- **Tops that reveal undergarments, the abdomen, or cleavage may not be worn to school.**
- Muscle shirts, razor back shirts, thin shoulder strap tops, backless, strapless, cut-out or halter-tops, sheer or see through blouses unless a blouse/top is worn over at all times.
- Any article of clothing that displays alcohol or drug slogans/symbols or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including but not limited to those that promote (suggest) sex or violence. This refers specifically to advertising said products as well as any form of narcotic paraphernalia. Clothing and buttons with writing and/or graphics with objectionable themes or implied obscenities are also strictly prohibited. This would include articles of clothing with any writing placed on the seat of the pant.
- Wristbands (athletic type)
- **Headgear of any kind, including hats, caps, scarves, do-rags, stocking caps, bandana hats, visors, and baseball caps (unless permitted for a school spirit day).**
- Spiked jewelry or belts
- **Slippers or shower shoes**
- Any clothing, jewelry, symbol or other object that may reasonably be perceived by a staff member as evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang.
- Outer clothing such as sunglasses, gloves, jackets, and overcoats designed strictly for outdoor wear are not to be worn in the school building or carried to and from classes. They must be stored in the student's locker. If classrooms are cool, students should bring sweaters to wear at school.
- Any clothing articles that the administrative staff deems inappropriate for a learning environment will not be permitted.

REQUIREMENTS

- All clothing must fit and be worn appropriately (no underclothing may show).
- Shirts must go below the top of the pants at the waist.
- **Tops with thin shoulder straps must have straps the width of three fingers without having to combine other thin-strapped tops with it.**
- All tops must be no more than 3" below the collarbone.
- Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist.
- Shorts/skirts must fall midway between the knee and thigh when seated. The general rule is they must be fingertip length.
- **Shoes/boots or other appropriate footwear must be worn.**
- **Students wearing leggings, jeggings, yoga , or any other thin, tight-fitting pants must wear a top that reaches mid-thigh (or finger-tip length).**

It is never our intent to single out or embarrass any student, however when a student may be in violation of the dress code our staff is expected to intervene. Students may be asked to turn a shirt inside out or to cover up excessive skin. In some instances, students may be required to change their outfit completely. Additional disciplinary consequences may be applied for students who refuse to comply with staff directions regarding their clothing choices and/or for students who may be repeat offenders of the dress code.