

Clothing Requirements

In the interest of an effective educational environment, fulfilling federal and state mandates, and the promotion of healthy attitudes West Valley Middle School has developed the following expectations:

- Students must wear shoes.
- Tops/bottoms must be worn.
- No bare waists/back/shoulders.
- No tank tops, straps less than 2" wide or large armholes allowed.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- "Ripped" style jeans and shorts must not have holes above the mid-thigh.
- Pajamas (tops or bottoms) and costumes are not permitted.
- Hats, caps, or other types of head covering worn inside the school building are prohibited unless special circumstances dictate otherwise.
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- Clothing that promotes or symbolizes alcohol/drug use, tobacco slogans, violence, sexism, racism, sexual behavior, or profanity will not be permitted at school or school sponsored functions.
- In freezing weather, full length sleeves and pants are necessary for outdoor recess.

In the interest of health, sanitation, safety, or matters that impact school climate, staff members may request modification of dress or appearance. Issues of inappropriate dress will generally be referred to the school counselor. If a student's dress is not within the expectations, that student will be required to make a modification if they are to remain in class. Parents may be requested to bring clothing to the school for the student to conform to the dress code.

Dress that is not specifically forbidden is not necessarily acceptable. If in doubt, check with the building administration beforehand. The administration and staff have the responsibility and right to determine individuals being in violation of the dress guidelines. Repeated dress code violations may be considered as insubordination and result in disciplinary consequences for such. We appreciate parent support and guidance of student dress that maintains the WVMS emphasis on academic success and supports our efforts to keep students safe and protected.