

District Policy

5511- DRESS AND GROOMING

Section: Pupils
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The uniform dress code in the Willingboro Township School District is being implemented primarily as a way to improve the school learning environment. It is intended to provide an equal clothing status to all children and allow pupils to focus on the educational process rather than a fashion statement. Pupils will be required to dress in a manner that reflects good taste, modesty and appropriateness for an educational learning environment.

A. Appropriate Dress Rules - Pre-K through Grade 8:

All pupils should recognize the need to dress appropriately for school. Clothing that appears to create an improper or disruptive influence on the educational environment will not be tolerated. The following dress rules will be in effect:

1. No hats, head coverings, or sweatbands are to be worn. (Religious exceptions)
2. No tank tops, halters, open-chest shirts or tops that resemble underwear or are transparent will be tolerated.
3. No long, oversized "T" shirts are to be worn.
4. No blouses, sweaters, or shirts that are worn with a bare midriff will be permitted.
5. Shorts/Skirts/Dresses must be finger-tip length, measured with arms, hands, and fingertips extended on the side of the body.
6. Biker shorts/pants (spandex material) are not permitted.
7. Pants must be worn with the waistbands at the waist. No drooping pants; trousers are to be properly worn at all times while in school.
8. If you wear bib overalls, the straps must be buttoned at all times.
9. Articles of clothing that may have indecent patches, pictures, slogans, or writing may not be worn.
10. No tattered clothing or cut-offs will be permitted.
11. No sandals or open-toed shoes will be permitted.
12. Rings which are designed for more than one finger are not to be worn on school property.
13. Heavy outerwear, overcoats/jackets are not to be worn in classes during a normal school day.

Dress Code Selection:

A committee that includes the Building Principals, staff, and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the Willingboro Township School District, Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight has made the uniform dress code selection in accordance with Title 18A:11-8. This uniform dress code in the Willingboro Township School District, Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight will be:

Pants/skirts:

- Tan/Khaki/Navy Blue standard slacks for boys and girls

- Tan/Khaki/Navy Blue skirts/skorts and jumpers are acceptable for girls* •
Tan/Khaki/Navy Blue shorts may be worn in the warm weather*
- No denim
* Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers are to be fingertip length or longer per district dress rules.

Shirts/blouses:

- Solid color/light blue
 - Golf type
 - Regular/button down collar, shirts/blouses with or without collars are acceptable
 - Turtleneck
 - Long or short sleeves
- No denim

Sweaters/vests:

- Solid color/navy blue
-Crew or V-neck

Physical Education Day:

- Solid color navy blue sweatpants
- Solid color navy blue sweat shirt or solid color navy blue “T” shirt
- Sneakers with socks

Dress Code Violations:

The building administrators will make final determination if the pupils' attire meets the approved dress code policy. Pupils choosing not to wear the approved dress code attire will be disciplined per the Student Code of Conduct. The Building Principal must approve any deviation from the dress code for specific, approved events.

Financial Considerations:

Families in need of financial assistance for the purchase of school uniforms will be encouraged to contact the school. The Building Principal will determine the form and type of assistance that is appropriate. The Building Principal will work with staff, school, and community organizations and businesses to identify resources for assisting families in need. A list will be compiled of those willing to assist and made available to families in need.

Waiver Request:

Pursuant to Statutory Authority, the Board chooses not to exercise the option of a waiver to parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Annual Evaluation:

An evaluation of the uniform school dress code will be reviewed annually with the Building Principal and the Board of Education.

B. Appropriate Dress Rules - Willingboro High School:

All pupils should recognize the need to dress appropriately for school. Clothing that appears to create an improper or disruptive influence on the educational environment will not be tolerated. The following dress rules will be in effect:

1. No hats, head coverings or sweatbands are to be worn. (Religious exceptions).
2. No tank tops, halters, open-chest shirts or tops that resemble underwear or are transparent will be tolerated.
3. No "T" shirts are to be worn.
4. No blouses, sweaters, or shirts that are worn with a bare midriff will be permitted. 5. Shorts/Skirts/Dresses must be finger-tip length, measured with arms, hands, and fingertips extended on the side of the body.
6. No biker shorts/pants (spandex material).
7. Pants must be worn with the waistbands at the waist. No drooping pants; trousers are to be properly worn at all times while in school.
8. No bib overalls.
9. Articles of clothing that may have indecent patches, pictures, slogans or writing may not be worn.
10. No tattered clothing or cut-offs will be permitted.
11. Rings which are designed for more than one finger are not to be worn on school property.
12. Heavy outerwear, overcoats/jackets are not to be worn in classes during a normal school day.
13. No denim.

Dress Code Selection:

A committee that includes the Building Principals, staff and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the Willingboro High School has made the uniform dress code selection in accordance with Title 18A: 11-8.

This uniform dress code in the Willingboro High School requirements are as follows:

Pants/skirts:

- Navy Blue standard slacks for boys and girls
 - Navy Blue skirts/skort and jumpers are acceptable for girls* •
 - Navy Blue shorts may be worn in the warm weather*
 - No denim
- * Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers are to be fingertip length or longer per district dress rules.

Shirts/blouses:

- No denim
- No "T" shirts
- Solid color gray tops with the approved WHS Logo
- White button down shirt with the approved WHS Logo
 - Long or short sleeve
 - Regular/button down collar, shirts/blouses without the approved WHS Logo are not acceptable

Sweaters/vests:

- Solid color Navy Blue ONLY

The building administrators will make final determination if the pupils' attire meets the approved dress code policy. Pupils choosing not to wear the approved dress code attire will be disciplined per the Student Code of Conduct. The Building Principal must approve any deviation from the dress code for specific, approved events.

Financial Considerations:

Families in need of financial assistance for the purchase of school uniforms will be encouraged to contact the school. The Building Principal will determine the form and type of assistance that is appropriate. The Building Principal will work with staff, school and community organizations, and businesses to identify resources for assisting families in need. A list will be compiled of those willing to assist and made available to families in need.

Waiver Request:

Pursuant to Statutory Authority, the Board chooses not to exercise the option of a waiver to parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Annual Evaluation:

An evaluation of the uniform school dress code will be reviewed annually with the Building Principal and the Board of Education.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1, 18A:11-7, 18A:11-8, 18A:11-9

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