

West Chester Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: **DRESS AND GROOMING**
 ADOPTED: 1974
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JCDB - DRESS AND GROOMING	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that each student’s mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 1317.3 Sec. 12.11 (c)	<p>The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students’ dress in school.</p> <p>Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other events and situations where special attire may be required.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to enforce school rules prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which present a hazard to the health or safety of the student him/herself or to others in the school, or materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.</p> <p>The building administrators & teachers shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming in their building.</p> <p>Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance. (see policy GBRM)</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p> <p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student’s taste and individuality.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>Students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to the educational program. Modesty and cleanliness are considerations for proper dress.</p> <p>Unacceptable attire includes (but is not limited to): attire that is unsafe, unhealthy, disruptive, offensive to generally accepted community standards, or contains obscene language; any clothing that reveals undergarments; torn clothing or clothing with holes in it; tight fitting outfits that are inappropriate and/or revealing. During the school year and summer school, the following applies to male and female students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirts, T-shirts and sweatshirts must not have inappropriate slogans, words, pictures, alcohol/smoking advertisements, etc. • No tank tops, no tops that show the midriff or cleavage, and no see-through tops 2) Pants/Shorts/Dresses/Skirts



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- Dresses, shorts and skirts must be at an appropriate length which is determined to be no shorter than midway between the knee and the top of the leg
- No pants/sweatpants/shorts, etc with writing in inappropriate places
- Pants must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist and no lower than the top of the hips
- Undergarments are not to be displayed
- Pajamas are not permitted
- 3) Outerwear
 - Coats, hats, hoods, scarves, and the like are not to be worn in the school building except for religious reasons
- 4) Footwear
 - No bedroom slippers are permitted
 - Laces on shoes must be secured
 - Any footwear that poses a safety hazard is not permitted
- 5) Other
 - No chain link belts
 - Spiked jewelry, chains or any jewelry that could cause injury or constitute a hazard are not permitted

Any apparel judged to be unhealthy and/or unsanitary (clothing that is dirty and/or gives off a foul odor) is not permitted.

For reasons of safety and health, special dress and grooming regulations may be developed for special areas like production areas, gymnasiums, etc. For special events like field trips, Spirit days, dances, commencement, etc, special dress may be prescribed.

PA Code
Title 22
Sec. 12.11

This policy updated to reflect and clarify current practice using PSBA 221 and WCASD handbooks.

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