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# Dress Code

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## June 2019 Updated Dress Code

All Wilkes-Barre Area School District Registered Students (who attend any District School or The W-B Area Career Technical Center (CTC)) will be required to adhere to this Board approved dress code. Additionally, Wilkes-Barre Area Students who attend the CTC are required to adhere to the District's dress code when being transported to and from the technical training facility. Upon arrival at the CTC, students will be allowed to change into their proper vocational technical training attire. It is also required that CTC students change back to the District's approved attire of dress before leaving for their home schools.

### Guidelines:

Pants – Must be casual/dress/denim pants of a solid color: khaki (beige/tan), blue, black, brown, gray, olive or dark green. Corduroy fabric is allowed.

1. Pants must be sized to fit the student (i.e. +/- 1 size to the student's measurement.) Thus the length of the pants allowed is any garment from knee to shoe.
2. Pants must be secured at the waist.
3. Pants are to have no more than two (2) pockets in the front and no more than two (2) pockets in the back. No cargo pockets are permitted.
4. Pants must cover all skin
5. The following types of pants are not permitted:
  - a. Cargo Pants-Large pockets on legs or back
  - b. Baggy/Skateboard pants
  - c. Extra wide/extra full pants
  - d. Military fatigues (no camouflage)
  - e. Sweat pants
  - f. Wind pants
  - g. Excessively tight pants
  - h. Exercise pants/Yoga Pants/Spandex Pants

Skirts/Dresses-Must be of a solid color: khaki (beige/tan), blue, black, brown, gray, olive or dark green. Skirts should be appropriate length. If length appears to be inappropriate, fingertip length will be used as a guide.

1. No cargo pockets will be allowed.
2. No spaghetti straps will be allowed.

Shirts-Must be of a solid color or stripes.

1. T-Shirts cannot contain graphics unless school spirit related.
2. All button down shirts must be buttoned just below the neck.
3. Manufacturer's logo no larger than three (3) inches by three (3) inches will be permitted.
4. Shirt length may not extend beyond the middle of a student's front pants pocket, or else the shirt must be tucked in.
5. Striped shirts are permitted with both vertical and horizontal stripes being allowed.
6. The following types of shirts are not permitted:
  - a. Tank tops
  - b. Excessively tight shirts

c. Graphic T-Shirts (unless school spirit related)

Sweatshirt/Sweater/Turtlenecks-

1. Crewneck, Cardigan, and Vest sweaters/sweatshirts of an approved solid color/stripes may be worn with an approved shirt underneath.
2. Sweatshirts may not be ripped or torn and must be sized to fit.
3. Must not extend past the middle of the pants pocket.
4. Hooded sweatshirts (Hoodies) are not permitted as in-school attire. (This is considered an outer garment and it must be removed and hung in a student's locker upon arrival in school.)
5. A solid turtleneck will be permitted in an approved color under an approved shirt. An approved sweater/sweatshirt may also be worn on top.
6. Solid color V-neck sweaters are permitted as long as there is an approved shirt underneath.

Shorts-

1. Students will be permitted to wear solid color (khaki (beige/tan), blue, black, brown, gray, olive or dark green) shorts that are sized to fit. No plain white shorts are permitted.
2. Shorts should be appropriate length. If length appears to be inappropriate, fingertip length will be used as a guide.
3. Pleated or plain shorts with no more than two (2) pockets in the front and no more than two (2) pockets in the back are permitted. No cargo pockets are permitted.
4. The following types of shorts are not permitted:
  - a. Cargo shorts
  - b. Baggy Basketball shorts
  - c. Silky shorts
  - d. Short shorts

Belts-

1. Must be solid color – no color preference.
2. No emblem or logos will be permitted.
3. Belt buckles larger than 2"x2" are not permitted.
4. The following types of belts are not permitted:
  - a. Chain-link belts
  - b. Rope-like belts

Shoes-

1. Some style of shoe/sneaker MUST be worn at all times. All shoes MUST be fastened around the foot and secured.
2. The following types of shoes are not permitted:
  - a. Flip-flops
  - b. Any heel or wedge higher than (2-1/2") are prohibited.

### Piercings-

1. Only ear piercings will be permitted. Only two (2) piercings per ear will be permitted.
2. Hoop earrings may be no larger than 1” in diameter.
3. Drop earrings may be no longer than 1” in length.
4. The following types of piercings are not permitted:
  - a. Plugs (Tunnel or solid gages)
  - b. Piercings of eyebrows, lips, noses, tongues, etc.

### Articles of Noncompliance-

1. Hats, caps, bandanas, and scarves.
2. Displaying of any undergarments.
3. Chains, dog collars, or spiked bracelets/necklaces
4. Clothing or articles deemed offensive. This includes sexually suggestive, condoning violence, drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse, suicide or vulgar language.
5. Hairstyles that are considered a safety hazard.
6. Full zip jackets, fleece, or sweatshirts.
7. All Black outfits
8. Fishnet stockings

### Exemptions

Parents/Guardians who object to the policy based on religious or medical grounds must complete and present to the building principal a copy of the Wilkes-Barre Area Dress Code Exemption Form signed by their religious leader or physician, identifying the reason(s) for the objection. The form must be filed within 14 days of registration. The parent/guardian and the building principal will meet to discuss the exception.

### Board Discretion

The dress code may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board.

### Discipline

The purpose of school is to promote and foster a solid learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a manner which encourages this purpose. Violation of this policy will result in parental notification and appropriate disciplinary action.

Noncompliance will be considered a violation of school policy. The consequences will be as follows:

## Elementary Level

Offense	Disciplinary Action
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	At the discretion of the principal, depending upon the degree of cooperation from the student and parent/guardian, a request for change of clothing, a request to send the student home, or an out-of-school suspension shall take place as deemed appropriate by administration.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be excluded from class (i.e. out-of-school suspension) for one (1) day. A parental meeting must take place for the child to return to class. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and Successive Offenses</b>	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be subject to a three (3) to possible ten (10) day out-of-school suspension and a ten (10) day curricular suspension. A parental meeting must take place for the student to return to school. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.

## Secondary Level

Offense	Disciplinary Action
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be excluded from class (i.e., in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension) for one (1) day. Parents/Guardians will be notified of the class exclusion. The student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	At the discretion of the administration, the student will be excluded from class (i.e., in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension) for one (1) day. A parental meeting must take place for the child to return to class. The

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