

DRESS CODE (Revisions Implemented September 2022)

August 2022 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 before leaving for their home schools.

Guidelines:

The Wilkes-Barre Area Dress code will allow the following:

1. Collar-less shirts
2. Jeans
3. Sweatpants/Joggers with drawstring tied

Not allowed:

1. No excessively tight pants
2. No crop tops/tank tops
3. No sheer/see through clothing
4. No Short Shorts
5. No Sleeveless shirts without shirt underneath
6. No bandanas
7. No excessive rips/frays that reveal skin or under garments
8. No garments with drug/alcohol/profanity/any other items deemed offensive
9. No hats/ball caps/do rags/skull caps
10. No pajama bottoms/bedroom slippers/blankets
11. Hoods must remain down/completely off the head

All backpacks, coats, hats/caps must be kept in the students' lockers.



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:

Secondary Level

	Offense	Disciplinary Action
1st Offense		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.
2nd Offense		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 student is expected to return in full compliance of the structured dress code.
3rd and Successive Offenses		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.