

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

The following dress and grooming guidelines shall be applicable in the schools of the Washington County School System:

1. Students are to conform to their school's dress code.
2. Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, visors, sunglasses are not to be worn once a student gets on the school bus. These items must be placed in bookbags/duffle bags before getting on the bus. These items must be left in vehicles if driving or must be placed in bookbags/duffle bags before exiting the personal vehicle.
3. Hair styles should be of such design as not to interfere with the learning process. Hair must be clean, combed, and well-groomed and should not impair vision. Male students with facial hair must keep it neat and well-groomed. No article which is disruptive to the learning environment or which tends to identify a student with a gang or any subversive or unlawful organization will be allowed.
4. Transparent (see-through) garments may not be worn without complete and appropriate undergarments. No lounge wear, boxer shorts, or any type underwear shall be worn as outer-wear.
5. No visible piercings may be worn on any part of the body with the exception of the ear.
6. Sundresses and backless dresses or tops will be worn with a jacket.
7. Cut-off tops, tank tops, and mesh tops can be worn if a T-shirt with sleeves is worn underneath, or another shirt is worn over the top.
8. Halter tops, tube tops, and midriff tops are not allowed. Midriffs and sides must be covered.
9. Insignias, buttons, and clothing which are suggestive of any alcoholic beverages, vulgarities, or illegal drugs may not be worn at school.
10. Jeans and other articles of clothing must be clean with no open holes above the knee; no shredded jeans will be allowed.
11. Skirts, dresses, culottes, and walking shorts may be worn if they are an appropriate length. All skirts and short pants must not be shorter than 3 inches above the top of the knee as determined from the casual view of a teacher or administrator. No short shorts or gym shorts will be allowed unless worn while a student is actively engaged in physical education and athletic activities in areas designated by the principal.
12. Clothing shall not be so tight or so loose as to be overly revealing.
13. Closed toe and closed heel shoes should be worn in school settings, except for other days at the discretion of the principal.
14. The principal or other representative of the Superintendent may issue additional guidelines in instances that interfere with the learning process.
15. Spirit shirts must support the school in which the student attends.
16. All visible clothing must be school colors.

Any student who fails to dress appropriately will not be allowed to attend class until proper clothes can be secured. If necessary, parents/guardians will be called to bring proper clothes to school.

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- SHIRTS** Students will wear a white or school color polo shirt, buttoned and tucked at all times with emblems/logos that are no larger than a quarter. Students may also wear a spirit t-shirt containing a school logo and is of the school colors of the school he/she attends.
- PANTS** Students may wear khaki pants with finished hems that are fitted for and worn at the waist. Capri pants with finished hems that are fitted for and worn at the waist may be worn by girls. Blue jeans with finished hems that are fitted for and worn at the waist may be worn. Blue jeans may not have rips, holes, or tears. There will be a No Tolerance with uniform violations and blue jeans. Cargo pants and sagging/baggy pants are not allowed.
- SHORTS** Students may wear khaki shorts that are not more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee and not more than 3 inches below the middle of the knee. No jean shorts.
- SKIRTS** Girls may wear khaki skirts or skorts that are not more than 3 inches above the middle of the knee. Jean skirts may be worn, but the skirt cannot be more than 2 inches above the ankle.
- SHOES** Students will wear shoes with a closed toe and closed heel.
- BELTS** Students must wear a belt. Belts and buckles cannot contain print or pictures. Bracelets, belts, and other clothing accessories with spikes, studs, or inappropriate language are not allowed.
- SWEATSHIRTS & HOODIES** Sweatshirts and hoodies must be of school color, and black, white, or grey.

VISIBLE CLOTHING All visible clothing must be school colors.

OUTERWEAR Jackets, coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts are considered outerwear and must be worn with a uniform shirt. Coats and Jackets may be any school color. They may not have lettering; logo (s) of alcohol, tobacco, and/or controlled substances; nor pictures, symbols, or artwork that might be offensive in nature and cause a disruption to the educational process.

Hoods may not be worn on the head inside of a building or on the school bus.
No leggings may be worn as outerwear.

No clothing from an opposing school may be worn at any time.
Dress code compliance refers to the article of clothing that is worn, as well as how it is worn. Dress code compliance is determined by the principal and his/her designee.

III. Cheerleader

Each school shall form a cheerleader committee consisting of seven (7) members. This committee shall include: Principal; Athletic Director; Cheerleader Coach; Two (2) Faculty Members; and two (2) Cheerleader Parents.

The parents will serve on the cheerleader committee only for budgetary discussions and decisions.

The cheerleader committee will meet at the request of the principal or cheerleader coach to address questions, problems, or disciplinary actions. The principal and cheerleader coach are non-voting members of this committee. The actions of the committee are binding.

A. Purpose

1. The cheerleaders shall promote and uphold school spirit.
2. They shall develop a sense of good sportsmanship among students.

B. Membership

Students must be in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades to try out for junior high cheerleader, students must be in the 7th or 8th grades to try out for junior varsity cheerleader; students must be in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grades to try out for varsity cheerleader.

C. Eligibility

Must meet guidelines set by the AHSAA. (Ex. Cheerleaders must follow the same eligibility as an athlete.)

D. Tryouts - Procedures

1. Tryouts will be available at no cost to the students.
2. Tryout practices will be held at least seven consecutive days before scheduled tryouts. These practices must be attended unless the cheerleader coach gives prior approval for absence.
3. Student must be at school all day on the day of tryouts.
4. Cheerleaders will be selected by a panel of judges, one of which will be minority. This panel will consist of at least three judges. No cheerleader will be chosen by popular vote.
5. Captain and Co-Captain will be selected by Sponsors. Each prospective cheerleader will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Entrance/Exit/Smile
 - b. Arm Motions/Coordination
 - c. Grooming/Appearance
 - d. Eye Contact
 - e. Jumps
 - f. Cheer and Chant Execution
 - g. Dance Routine
 - h. Aerobics (split, cartwheel, leg extension)
6. Final selection will be based on highest scores as determined by the judges. Decisions made by the judges are final.

E. Uniforms and appearance

1. Each cheerleader will be responsible for paying for his/her own uniform over and above fund-raising projects.
2. Each cheerleader is responsible for the care of his/her uniforms.
3. The length and style of the uniforms will be decided upon by the squad members and the cheerleader coach. No alterations to the uniform will be allowed unless prior approval is given by the cheerleader coach.
4. The uniform is to be worn in conjunction with school events and will be worn to school on the day of the event.
5. Any part of the uniform provided by the school must be returned at the end of the season.
6. At all sporting events, appearance must be neat and clean. Hair must be clean and up out of the face. Make-up, if any, must be tastefully done and not overdone.
7. Jewelry may not be worn with the uniform.

F. Conduct and Responsibilities

1. Cheerleaders are to show respect to the principal, faculty members, coaches, game officials, and fellow cheerleaders. Disrespect will lead to disciplinary action.
2. There will be no smoking both tobacco and vapor, use of alcohol or drugs, or obscene language. **THESE ARE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL. VIOLATORS OF THIS RULE OF CONDUCT WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL FROM SQUAD.**
3. Participation is a must. All cheerleaders will participate in cheers, chants, pom-pom routines, and dances on the field or court.
4. A cheerleader may not sit in the stands or leave the squad until the end of the game. The captain may give permission for a squad member to leave the field or court in case of an emergency. In inclement weather, the cheerleader will leave the field when the players do so or at the discretion of the cheerleader coach.
5. Cheers, chants, pom-pom routines, and dances will be presented in a tasteful manner and must be approved BEFORE presentation. No provocative and suggestive moves will be allowed. The cheerleader coach and/or the principal has the final decision in these matters.
6. Cheerleaders shall conduct themselves properly at all times, for they are the official representatives for the school. No public displays of affection while in uniform will be tolerated.
7. The cheerleading squad is to set an example for the student body in spirit, willingness to work, academics, school attendance, and conduct.
8. Each cheerleader must have a completed physical release form.