

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The dress code at Western Branch High School is designed to contribute to an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Extremes in dress are distracting to many other students and to teachers. The dress code is as follows and is based upon Chesapeake School Board Policy 9-33. **Students in violation of the dress code may be removed from class and/or face disciplinary action.**

1. **Students will not be allowed to bring to school or wear inappropriate clothes, jewelry, or other apparel or personal belongings that advocate violence, alcohol, and drug use and/or distribution; that represents gang activity and/or membership; that use obscenities; or that reflect adversely on persons due to race, gender, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or intellectual ability.**
2. **Students who wear revealing attire may be removed from the school until properly dressed.**
Guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - All shorts and skirts must not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee. This applies to both male and female students. (Please note that wearing leggings or Spandex does not alter the required length of shorts and skirts.)
 - Tank tops may not be worn by male students. Male students must wear garments with sleeves.
 - Female students must wear garments with significant shoulder covering to conceal undergarments.
 - In general, garments worn by females must have shoulder straps of at least “three fingers width.”
 - Garments with spaghetti straps or those that do not adequately cover a female’s shoulder area may not be worn. In all cases undergarments should not be visible.
 - See-through fabrics or low-cut tops and/or clothes that show bare backs or bare midriffs may not be worn.
3. **Head wear, bandanas, head coverings of any type, or sun glasses may not be worn in school buildings.** This applies to both males and females, to ensure that all students can be accurately identified. These items may be confiscated and held until retrieved by a parent or guardian. Unclaimed items will be discarded one week after the conclusion of each term.
4. **For reasons of health and safety, all students are required to wear appropriate shoes when on school property.**
5. **Students whose dress is considered contrary to good hygiene, distracting to other students, or in any way disruptive to the learning process, will be required to meet the school standards.** .
Clothing with revealing holes, rips, or tears, of any type may not be worn. All clothing must be clean and in good repair. In addition, bizarre and/or distracting costumes may not be worn.
6. **Pants must be buckled or fastened and be worn at the waist level.** Students whose pants are worn below the waist exposing undergarments or students who persistently wear their pants below their waist may be subject to disciplinary action and or removal from school.