

## **Water Valley ISD Dress Code: 2023-2024** (updated 8-7-23)

### **Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)**

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

#### ***Shirts/Tops:***

- Body shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, mesh, or see-through materials are not allowed, unless worn as an outer garment. (Boys' shirts must have sleeves. Girls' shirts that are sleeveless must have a width on the shoulder of at least 2 ½ inches).
- Pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by policy FNCF (local) are prohibited.
- Top and bottom garments must not separate to expose the student's skin from the front, back or side when standing. When performing normal school activities (bending, stretching, reaching, etc....), undergarments shall not be exposed.
- Clothing shall not permit excessive exposure of the body. Garments shall not be backless, tight, or permit exposure of cleavage. Appropriate undergarments shall be worn at all times.

#### ***Pants/Skirts/Shorts:***

- Dress and skirt length shall be no shorter than 4 inches from the floor to the dress or skirt, as measured with knees on the floor. (Length includes slits on skirts and dresses).
- Garments must be size appropriate.
- Excessively large holes in pants are not allowed. Holes are not allowed above the short length line as described below.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Sagging is not permitted.
- Pajama bottoms are not allowed.

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- Leggings shall not be see-through in accordance with the short policy lengths. A shirt must cover down past the buttocks all of the way around the midsection when wearing leggings.
- Shorts policy:
  - Students in grades PK through 6 must wear shorts that are at least as long as the fingertips when standing with arms hanging at sides. Girls in grades K-2 must wear shorts under dresses.
  - Students in junior high and high school: Shorts (and any slits in the shorts) must be no shorter than 7 inches from the floor when student is measured with knees on the floor. Waistbands may not be rolled up. Tight shorts are not allowed. Cut-off shorts are not allowed (must be seamed).

### ***Footwear:***

- Footwear shall be a part of regular attire.
- Footwear containing wheels, skates, or any other mode of transportation will not be allowed.

### ***General Hygiene:***

- Any clothing and/or grooming that may reasonably be expected to disrupt or interfere with normal school operations or looks inappropriate are prohibited.
- Hair must be clean, well-groomed and not covering the eyes. The following extremes shall not be allowed: geometric or unusual patterns shaved or cut into the hair; unnatural color variation in hair; ponytail and rattail for boys; and boys' hair must not exceed the top of a regular collar.
- Cheerleader uniforms may not adhere to the standards outlined in the dress code, but they are "uniforms" approved by the administration for wear on campus and at school activities and should not be used as an argument by other students to violate the dress code.
- Sunglasses shall not be worn inside school buildings.
- No type of head covering, hat, cap or bandana may be worn inside.

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- Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Nose rings are not allowed for either sex. No other visible piercing or ornamentation (including tattoos) of any skin or body part will be allowed by males or females.
- Elementary students are not permitted to wear make-up or bring make-up to school.
- Facial hair and beards are not allowed. Sideburns must not reach below the ears.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time.

Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.