

# POLICY

## Woodland Park Board of Education

Section: Pupils

5511. DRESS AND GROOMING

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The board of education believes that a pupil's dress reflects the attitude with which the pupil approaches his/her attendance and performance at school. Appropriate dress is one indication that a pupil has come to school prepared to learn accordingly; the board of education will impose its policy on pupils and parents or legal guardians only when a pupil's dress affects the educational program of the schools.

All pupils shall, upon arrival to school:

- A. Be physically clean, neat and well groomed;
- B. Dress according to the approved and reasonable regulations of the board of Education;
- C. Dress in a manner that does not cause damage to district property;
- D. Dress and be groomed in such a way so as not to cause a health and safety hazard.

The Superintendent shall develop general guidelines for pupil dress, in accordance with the Board of Education Policy, and shall direct development of regulations suited to the appropriate dress of all pupils. Each Principal and staff members shall determine compliance with respect to the Dress Code Policy and Regulation.

#### What to Wear to School – Memorial, Beatrice Gilmore and Charles Olbon Schools

A. For boys, long-sleeve or short sleeve solid collared shirt (polo or button down) in light blue, navy or maroon, can be worn with solid sweatshirt or sweater, along with khaki, black, or navy colored pants or walking shorts. The walking shorts must be no more than two inches above the knee. Clothing may be purchased from a list of preferred or similar style vendor(s). Pants and walking shorts must be waist fitted and be worn to prevent slipping to hip level. They must be worn so the entire waistband is above the hip. Walking shorts are permitted, weather appropriate, as deemed by the principal of the building. Shirts must be buttoned and must cover the abdomen and back.

B. For girls, long-sleeve or short—sleeve solid collared shirt (polo or button own), in light blue, navy or maroon can be worn with solid sweat shirt or sweater, along with khaki, black, or navy colored pants, walking shorts, skirts, or designated walking shorts/skirts. Solid colored dress or jumper also allowed. The walking shorts/skirt, skirt and dresses must be no more than two inches above the knee. Clothing may be purchased from a list of preferred or similar style vendors(s). Pants and walking shorts must be waist fitted and be worn to prevent slipping to hip

level. They must be worn so the entire waistband is above the hip. Walking shorts are permitted, weather appropriate, as deemed by the principal of the building. Shirts must be buttoned and must cover the abdomen and back.

C. Jeans, sweatpants (except during physical education class), and camouflaged pants are not permitted.

D. Spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, strapless garments, off the shoulder garments, tank tops, low cut tops and/or revealing or suggestive apparel, are not permitted.

E. Pajamas are not permitted.

F. Hats, sweatbands, bandannas, or other types of headwear are not to be worn in the School building at any time, except for pupils with special religious beliefs or for medical reasons.

G. Coats or outerwear such as scarves and gloves are not to be worn during class unless permitted by the Principal on a case-by-case basis.

H. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn indoors.

I. Chains, spikes, cleats, pins, and certain types of jewelry that display pictures, or symbols of offensive materials or suggestions may not be worn in the school buildings at any time, except for pupils with special religious beliefs or for medical reasons.

J. Footwear, such as "flip flops", slippers and beach shoes that are not safe when walking up and down stairs, may not be worn to school. Shoes with laces must be tied. Sneakers are permitted provided they are properly fitting with no tears or holes. Shoes must not be soiled. No heels over two inches high and no spikes.

K. Undergarments worn as "outerwear", see-through clothing and bare midriff attire is unacceptable.

L. Untidy, torn, damaged and/or soiled clothing is not permitted.

M. During physical education class, pupils may wear sweat pants or shorts and at-shirtshirts must cover the abdomen and back at all times. Shorts and sweat pants must be appropriately fitting and of appropriate lengths.

Exceptions to the above include pupils who participate in nationally and/or locally recognized youth organizations, such as Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts or certain local Groups, that are approved and/or recognized by the board of education from wearing organization uniforms to school on days the organization has a scheduled meeting or for a scheduled and specific purpose for wearing such organization uniform approved in advance by the Building Principal.

Parents/legal guardians may request a religious and/or medical exemption from their child wearing the designated clothing by completing an Exemption application. The Exemption application requires the applicant to indicate the objection with specificity and to provide the alternate dress the pupil will wear to school that is consistent with the bona fide objection and

still be reasonably consistent with the dress code.

Each Principal has the authority to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis and on days for special events, such as Halloween, Field Day or approved spirit days.

### Enforcement of the Dress Code

A pupil's appearance, mode of dress or cleanliness will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process. When in the judgment of a Principal or staff, member the pupil's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health and safety, the pupil may be required to make modifications.

Enforcement of the Dress Code starts with each parents/legal guardians and pupil's exercising responsibility and good judgment. All staff members have an obligation to report dress code violations to the appropriate administrator. Parents/legal guardians will be notified of violations and continued violation will result in disciplinary action. If a pupil violates the Dress code, a parent/legal guardian will be contacted and an immediate change of clothing will be necessary.

The board of education will evaluate the effectiveness of this Policy on a regular basis.

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