

5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

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. Researchers have found that dress codes that include uniforms benefit student behavior and safety, student achievement, school pride and an atmosphere of unity, student self esteem, and cost benefits. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-8, the Board of Education hereby adopts a dress code requiring school uniforms.

All pupils attending Woodland Park Public Schools will adhere to the following Uniform Policy:

Shirts

Polo collared shirt - long or short sleeve - not form fitting - no logo with brand names.
Color options - **solid color only** - navy, maroon

Sweaters or Sweatshirts

Color options - **solid color only** - navy or maroon - plain, solid color - no logo with brand names or hoods.

*Outerwear, including winter coat, team jacket, or fleece coat are not permitted to be worn indoors.

Pants

Color options - **solid color only** - khaki or navy
Same style as chinos or dress pants **and** worn at the waist.

*Cargo pants, jeans, sweatpants, jeggings, spandex, leggings or pants that are form-fitted are not permitted.

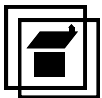
Shorts, Uniform Skirts or Dresses

Color options - **solid color only** - khaki or navy shorts in the same style as chinos.
Uniform skirts and jumpers must be solid in color and must be no more than two inches above the knee and at the waist. All uniform skirts and jumpers must be worn with shorts underneath.

*No athletic shorts

Shoes

Flat shoes with soles or heels no thicker than 1 inch.
Must be closed toe **and** closed heel back shoes or sneakers.
Socks or tights must be worn with shoes.
Tie shoes must be tied properly at all times.
Snow or rain boots can be worn and must be properly tied at all times.



Accessories

Jewelry is acceptable; however, it must not present a hazard to the wearer or be a distraction to other students.

Non-prescription sunglasses, bandannas and hats are not permitted.

The uniform is intended to be comfortable, casual and neat. Untidy, torn, damaged and/or soiled clothing is not permitted.

Students are required to be in uniform at all times while in school, unless otherwise noted in an IEP.

Physical Education

Solid color only - navy- for K-4 students only

Sweatpants or athletic shorts and tee shirt. Shirts must cover the abdomen and back at all times. Shorts and sweatpants must be appropriately fitting and must be no more than two inches above the knee and at the waist.

School Spiritwear can be worn for physical education classes.

Grades K-4 students will wear physical education attire to school on gym days.

Grades 5-8 students **must change into physical education attire on gym days.**

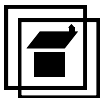
Exceptions to the above include pupils who participate in nationally and/or locally recognized youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or certain local Groups, that are approved and/or recognized by the Board of Education from wearing organization uniforms to school on days the organization has 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 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 uniform policy.

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

Enforcement of the Uniform

Enforcement of this Policy starts with each parents/legal guardians and pupil's exercising responsibility and good judgement. All staff members have an obligation to report uniform violations to the appropriate administrator. Parents/legal guardians will be notified of violation and continued violations will result in disciplinary action. If a pupil violates the Policy, 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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