

North Warren Central School students have always displayed common sense and good taste in the matter of dress. Occasionally, however, the question arises as to what is and is not appropriate to wear to school. The following guidelines have been established with the help of decisions rendered by the Commissioner of Education for New York State.

The purpose of the Dress Code is to promote the learning of socially acceptable behavior, health, and safety and to encourage full participation in school activities.

Clothing that is disruptive to the education process is not permitted to be worn by students in school or on the school premises. Clothing that interferes with student's health, safety or limits full participation in school activities such as science laboratories, technology projects, or physical education activities, etc., will not be permitted.

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

1. Students must wear shoes at all times, except as may be required in certain physical education activities. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
2. Students may not wear midriff-revealing-type apparel. Skirts and shorts must be appropriate for the school environment/activity. Divided skirts hemmed above the knee are considered shorts. No spaghetti straps or visible underclothing will be permitted.
3. All undergarments must be hidden under clothing so as not to be visible.
4. Students will not wear slogan buttons or clothing that promotes or suggests the use of alcohol or drugs, promotes violence or is vulgar, indecent or imposes a health risk.
5. Any attire related to negative group behavior will not be permitted. Clothing, symbols, signals, signs or colors that promote violence and/or hate towards others will not be tolerated.
6. Chains, spikes, and other potentially dangerous accessories may not be worn.
7. Head coverings must be removed upon teacher request.
8. No items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or denigrating to others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability will be allowed.
9. Sunglasses are not allowed.

CONSEQUENCES

Any educational distraction due to dress code violation will be addressed on an individual basis. Students may be subject to the following:

1. Asked to change or be sent home to change, parent notification.
2. Asked to change or be sent home to change, parent conference.
3. Refusal to change, student will be given in-school suspension, parent notified and conference scheduled.

Hopefully, your good judgment and sense of taste will be the guiding rule. If what you wear may offend someone else or negatively influence your own self-image, then don't wear it.

Appeal Process:

Students may appeal to the principal if there are special circumstances that warrant special consideration. All rulings on such appeals will be communicated to the student and the parent or guardian. Further appeals may be made to the Superintendent or designee.

