

North Warren Central School will regulate student dress to insure that students attend school in clothing that meets health and safety standards and that does not disrupt or interfere with educational process. North Warren Central School students shall display common sense and good taste in their manner of dress. Clothing that limits full participation in school activities such as science laboratories, technology projects, or physical education activities, etc., will not be permitted. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for ensuring acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel shall exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

Students shall:

- A. Wear shirts that appropriately cover their upper body. Shoulder straps for tank tops should be three fingers wide. Extremely brief garments such as tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, midriff-revealing apparel, and shirts with plunging necklines are not appropriate to wear to school and will not be allowed.
- B. Completely cover all underwear with outer clothing; no visible underclothing will be permitted.
- C. Wear skirts or shorts of an appropriate length, measured to the end of the longest fingertip when arms are held by their sides.
- D. Wear appropriate footwear at all times. Footwear safety regulations for specific classes shall be followed in order to ensure participation.
- E. Not wear hats, bandanas or other head covers in the school buildings except for those whose medical condition or religious belief dictates otherwise.
- F. Not wear items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, gang-related, or that bully or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
- G. Not wear items that promote, advertise and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- H. Not wear chains, spikes, and other potentially dangerous accessories.
- I. Wear appropriate clothing to safely participate in physical education class or athletic teams, per the guidelines set by the coach or teacher.
- J. Not wear sunglasses without a doctor's note on file with the nurse.

The principal or designee shall be responsible for informing all students and their parents of the dress code at the beginning of the school year, as well as any revisions to the dress code that are made during the school year.

Protocols for Violations of the Student Dress Code:

If a student is determined to be in violation of the student dress code:

1st offense: The student will receive a warning and be asked to modify their appearance by covering up or replacing the item of clothing that caused the violation. The staff member who gave the warning will send an email to notify the main office and cc: the rest of the teachers that will have the student in class on that day.

2nd offense: If a student receives a second offense, either in the same day or on a subsequent day, the student will be sent to the main office to speak with the principal regarding the specifics of the dress code and they shall be required to modify their appearance to come into compliance with the dress code. Compliance may be accomplished by the issuance of a large tee shirt to be worn over the offending clothing. An email will be sent to the main office and a cc: copy to the classroom teachers who have that student.

3rd offense: A student that receives a 3rd offense, either in the same day or on a subsequent day, will be required to call home and have their parent or guardian bring appropriate clothes to school before continuing with the day. A disciplinary note will be entered into school tool.

Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including, out of school suspension.

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