

**WOODFORD COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
SBDM COUNCIL POLICY**

POLICY TOPIC: Dress Code

POLICY NUMBER: 19.1

POLICY STATEMENT

At Woodford County Middle school, we believe that students should “dress for success.” Student dress needs to be comfortable and neat and promote a safe, united, and orderly learning environment.

General

All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness, and neatness and to dress in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere. Clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other items of adornment that refer to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual innuendos, gang activity, violence, foul language, or weaponry is not permitted. The wearing of any item that materially or significantly disrupts the educational process or threatens the health or safety of other students or staff members is prohibited.

Pants

Students may wear jeans, khakis, slacks, or sweatpants of any color. Pants must conform to the following:

- Must be free of holes and rips
- Must cover underwear and backside at all times
- Must not sag (must be worn at waist level)
- Spandex, bicycle, pajama, and flannel pants are prohibited.
- ***Split side seams at the bottom of pants are prohibited***

Shorts/Skirts

- Shorts and skirts must be knee length or longer
- Be composed of nontransparent material at least to the knee length
- Must be free of holes and rips
- Must cover underwear and backside at all times
- Must not sag (must be worn at waist level)

Dresses

- Be composed of nontransparent material at least to knee length
- Must be knee length or longer
- Midriff, back, and cleavage and ***collarbone*** must remain covered at all times
- Sleeves must have a measurable underarm seam

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Shirts

Rounded crewneck T-shirts are to be worn by students. Turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks may be worn in place of a crewneck shirt. Other ***shirts may be layered over the crewneck T-shirt***. All shirts must meet the following criteria:

- Sleeves must have a measurable underarm seam
- Must be able to be tucked in even during movement (although it does not have to be tucked in)
- Midriff, back, and cleavage and ***collarbone*** must remain covered at all times
- Be composed of nontransparent material

Footwear

Footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers, house shoes, or the like are prohibited unless prescribed by a physician.

Outerwear

- Coats and jackets must remain in the student's locker
- Insulated overalls and coveralls must remain in the student's locker

Accessories

Dangerous jewelry such as dog collars, wallet chains, belt chains, spike jewelry, or any other accessories that the administration deems dangerous are not permitted. Head coverings such as hats, scarves, bandanas, head warmers, sweatbands, and doo-rags must not be visible from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. unless such attire is a recognized part of a religious practice adhered to by the students or is prescribed by a physician.

Sunglasses are not to be worn or be visible inside the building unless ordered by a physician.

Enforcement

The school administration shall have the right to evaluate any clothing to determine its acceptability within the guidelines of the dress code. Administrators shall also have the right to make an interpretation on the decency and appropriateness of any garment. Administrators, teachers, and other certified personnel are responsible for enforcing the dress code. Possible exceptions for special days will be at the discretion of the administration.

All boldfaced italicized items will be effective after the second reading of this policy and will be **ENFORCED** at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

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Consequences

Students who fail to comply with the dress code may be sent home when deemed appropriate by school administrators and are subject to disciplinary action. Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained from the school administrator PRIOR to wearing the apparel to school.

1st Offense: correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian; conference with administrator

2nd Offense: correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to after-school detention

3rd Offense: Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to AER

4th Offense: Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and school suspension
Repeated infractions may result in referral to the superintendent for initiation of expulsion procedures.

Certified and Classified Staff Dress Code Policy

At Woodford County Middle School, we believe that certified and classified staff should “dress for success.” All certified and classified staff will dress in a professional manner by adhering to common practices of modesty, cleanliness, and neatness. Jeans and sweat suits are not permitted unless specified by instruction or announced by the administration.

Date Adopted December 12, 2006

Council Chairperson Stephanie Koontz