

DRESS CODE
2009/2010

The Wilson County Board of Education recognizes and understands that there is a strong correlation between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment. To help create not only the best learning environment, but also the safest, the following expectations for student dress have been established. Apparel or appearance, which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than to the education process and learning environment, must be avoided.

- All clothing must not have holes, be cut-off, ripped or see-through and must be size appropriate.
- Ornammentation such as sequins, glitter, beads, etc. on all clothing is not allowed.
- Pants must be worn at the waist.
- Sagging/Bagging is not allowed.
- Belts are required for clothing designed for belts in grades 6-12.

	ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
Pants, Skirts, Skorts, Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy Blue, Khaki, Dark Green, Blue, Black or Brown • Jeans must be a solid consistent color, if bleached must be bleached consistently so as to remain solid • Hip hugger and Low rider • Leggings are permitted under Skirts, Skorts, Shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pant legs will not touch the floor and will not be frayed • Black Bottoms with Black Tops • Cargo, wind and sweat pants, overalls, spandex or pipe style clothing • Large logos and writing down the sides of the pants or around the waistband
Tops, Shirts, Blouses, Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular collar and sleeves • Tops, shirts, blouses must be tucked completely (i.e. when arms are raised shirt will remain tucked) • Tops and dresses are to be solid in color, however, the collar may have a single stripe no wider than an inch and the sleeves may have a single stripe no wider than an inch the circumference of the sleeves • Turtleneck sweaters do not have to be tucked but when arms are raised abdomen and midriff will not show • Sweaters, sweatshirts, vests must have a collared and sleeved shirt underneath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tops, shirts, blouses, dresses that do not completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders, midriffs and cleavage • Crop shirts
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity • Sandals will be permitted in grades K-8 with straps to secure them to the foot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip Flops, House shoes, skate shoes, shower type shoes, no open toe shoes will be allowed in Grades 9-12
Clothing & Accessories		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial or ethnic slurs or symbols • Gang affiliations • Vulgar, obscene, subversive, disruptive of the school environment, derogatory to any individual or sexually suggestive language or images • Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or controlled substances
Skirts, Dresses, Skorts, Shorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least within three inches of the back of the knee • Slits in skirts and dresses are to be within three inches of the back of the knee 	
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunglasses with a prescription • Head apparel for religious or medical purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, long and/or heavy chains • Studded or chained accessories • Sunglasses • Facial jewelry including tongue piercing • Distracting or unusual hairstyle and/or color, make-up or contact lenses • Head apparel • Tattoos and brands must be completely covered
Jackets/Coats		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trench coats

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether the student's attire is within the limits of decency and modesty. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. The principal may allow exceptions to school wide programs or special classroom activities up to eight days per year