

WEST SHORE DRESS CODE

The standards of appearance for pupils shall insure that the pupils are clean, neat and properly dressed. They shall observe modes of dress and standards of personal grooming which are in conformity with the studious atmosphere and good personal hygiene necessary in schools.

The following dress code developed by administrators, teachers, parents and students will be enforced at West Shore Jr. /Sr. High School. Parents of students violating this dress code may be called and students sent home to secure appropriate clothing. All classes missed because of inappropriate clothing will be unexcused.

- (a) Modesty-school appropriateness and safety are to be observed at all times.
- (b) Length and fit of clothing should be school appropriate.
- (c) Patches, garments and accessories that make comments or references to weapons, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, obscenities and innuendo are not permitted.
- (d) Footwear is required at all times. No hats and/or head covering of any type are permitted with the following exception: Approved West Shore hats may be worn during outdoor P.E. and outdoor intramural activities. Approved hats will remain in the student's backpack at all other times. Hats will be worn with the bill facing forward and should not cover the face.
- (e) Sunglasses are not allowed, except in outdoor P.E. activities.
- (f) Pierced jewelry shall be limited to the ear. Dog collars, tongue rings, wallet chains, large hair picks, chains that connect one part of the body to another or other jewelry or accessories that pose a safety concern for the student or others shall be prohibited.
- (g) Pants and shorts must be worn at waist level. If belts are worn they must be at the waist and buckled.
- (h) Suspenders must be worn over both shoulders and fastened.
- (i) Inappropriate torn or ripped clothing is not permitted.
- (j) Dresses and skirts must be mid-thigh or below in length with the waistband of the skirts worn at waist level. Mid-thigh is defined as the midpoint between the top of the inseam and the middle of the knee. Shorts must have a clearly discernible inseam of reasonable length. Short shorts are prohibited.
- (k) Shorts, dresses, skirts and pants with buttons and/or zippers will be buttoned and zipped properly. Pants can be no longer than heel length. Pajamas and sleepwear are prohibited, including slippers.
- (l) If an outer garment necessitates an undergarment, then an appropriate undergarment must be worn.
- (m) There will be no exposure of midriff or undergarments. Spandex tights and leggings are considered stockings and will be covered with the appropriate outer garment.
- (n) Large-looped tank tops, mesh, see-through tops or otherwise revealing apparel must be worn over an appropriate shirt.
- (o) Low cut tops, beachwear, muscle and underwear T-shirts worn as outerwear are not permitted.
- (p) Strapless garments are prohibited. Straps of permitted garments must be a minimum of 1 1/2 inches in width. Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited.
- (q) Extreme hairstyles or hair colors are prohibited.

Students are reminded that the dress code is in effect when students are on campus and at all school functions. Organizational and team sponsors may require specific attire at their events.

All dress code violations will be written on a discipline referral and the student will be placed on the discipline ladder.

The Administration of West Shore reserves the right to determine if a student is wearing inappropriate clothing. Students are also reminded of the *West Shore Jr./Sr. High School Parent/Guardian and Student Contract, which states, that our dress code "May differ from other Brevard County School's dress codes."*