

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels). The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. No hats, caps, hoods or any other headwear may be worn in any school building.
2. No low cut clothing (neck or underarm) male or female. Sundresses and shirts that are backless or have spaghetti straps are not allowed. No one-shoulder or off shoulder blouses or tops. Undergarments on males or females may not show. Male shirts must have sleeves.
3. No clothing that exposes bare midriffs, bellybuttons, such as short shirts or low cut pants/skirts.
4. High School/Junior High – No piercings deemed distracting will be allowed.
5. House shoes, shower shoes, and pajamas are not permitted.
6. No excessive or disruptive makeup.
7. No obscene language or symbols, provocative pictures, advertising of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs on clothing, backpacks, book covers, jewelry, or anywhere on campus or school related activities.
8. No racially related symbols, emblems, pictures, words, or slogans.
9. Tattoos on High School students deemed inappropriate by administration must be covered by clothing. Junior High, Intermediate, and Elementary students are not allowed to have a visible tattoo.
10. Hair, including facial hair, must be neat, clean, and well groomed. No unnatural hair color, or hair style that is disruptive, such as Mohawks, half-shaved heads, etc. Hair should not cover the eyes.
11. All clothing must be appropriately sized and fit at the natural waist. No excessively loose clothing that results in "sagging" and showing of any undergarments or skin.
12. No dark glasses. (unless prescribed by a physician for indoor use.)
13. No see-through, provocative, or excessively tight clothing i.e. spandex tights, shorts, or slacks are allowed. Excessively tight dresses, skirts, or pants are not permitted.
14. No excessively torn clothing i.e. jeans or shirts that show underwear or skin/body parts West Rusk Secondary Schools Student Handbook Page 55 of 102 above the knee.
15. No clothing worn in a manner for which it was not intended such as backwards, inside out, etc.
16. No accessory, clothing article, bandana, do-rag, etc. deemed gang related.
17. Shorts, dresses, and skirts must not be shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
18. Students must wear appropriate undergarments
19. No excessively long belts, wallet chains, oversized chains, or dog collars.
20. The school district discourages the wearing of expensive jewelry and other apparel and is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.