

Cabarrus County Schools Dress Code Policy

Cabarrus County Board of Education specifies that each student must come to school appropriately dressed in clothing that is not disruptive to the educational process and does not endanger the health and safety of others. (See Policy 4316 Student Dress Code).

The board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning. Generally, dress and grooming standards as determined by the student and his or her parents will be deemed acceptable.

The board prohibits appearance or clothing that does the following:

- Violates a reasonable dress code adopted and publicized by the school
- Is substantially disruptive
- Is provocative or obscene
- Depicts or promotes gang affiliation (including but not limited to bandanas, jewelry and body markings)
- Endangers the health or safety of the student or others

Before receiving disciplinary consequences, a student who is not in compliance with this policy or a school dress code shall be given a reasonable period of time to make adjustments so that he or she will be in compliance. Disciplinary consequences for a student who fails to comply after being offered this opportunity shall be consistent with Section D of Policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies. The superintendent or designee shall list in the *Code of Student Conduct* the specific range of consequences that may be imposed on a student for violation of the dress code.

In compliance with Board Policy 4316, Winkler Middle School has adopted the following dress code expectations:

Students must wear:

- Skirts and shorts mid-thigh length or longer
- Clothing that covers the student's midriff
- Pants that are fitted at the waist
- Shoes, tennis shoes, sneakers or sandals
- Clothing that covers all undergarments

Students may not wear:

- Jeans with rips/tears/shreds above mid-thigh
- Clothing advocating drug, alcohol, vaping or tobacco use
- Clothing advocating products or services illegal to minors (weapons, drugs, etc.)
- Clothing with inappropriate or suggestive language or symbols (profanity, pornography, etc.)
- Clothing that discriminates against particular groups
- Bedroom slippers and/or pajamas
- Excessively long or oversized shirts, coats or jackets
- Apparel or accessories including sunglasses, jewelry, emblems, or body markings that depict gang affiliation or disrupt the learning environment
- Excessive face painting
- Chains, spikes or other accessories that could be perceived as or used as a weapon
- Hoods, hats, toboggans, bandannas, skull caps, bonnets, or any head coverings in school (unless required for medical or religious purposes)

HWMS Dress Code Quick Reference Guide

Cabarrus County Schools and Harold Winkler Middle School specifies that each student must come to school appropriately dressed in clothing that is not disruptive to the educational environment and does not endanger the health and safety of others.

Students must wear clothing that covers skin from armpit to armpit down to mid-thigh with non-see-through fabric in the front, back and sides.

