

**Woodland Middle School
Dress Code
(SBDM Council Approved 4/2/13)**

Dress Code Purpose

All workplace environments have expectations for dress. The following dress code establishes **minimum expectations** for student dress while students are involved in their work of acquiring a public school education. The dress code ensures appropriate clothing that is not offensive, provocative or disruptive and that reinforces safe behaviors and a safe and orderly learning environment.

Safety and the Dress Code

At Woodland we rely upon a system of supervision and monitoring by staff and surveillance cameras to maintain a safe school environment. So as not to obscure the identity of any student or visitor, the following items are **prohibited from being worn** (or carried, as appropriate) at school:

- hats or caps
- sunglasses or any colored lens glasses
- cosmetic contact lenses
- theatrical type make-up
- dog collars or hardware chains
- Bandannas (obscuring face or head), gang colors, or gang paraphernalia

SHIRTS

- Neither the fabric, nor fit, nor fashion of a shirt or top shall allow exposure of undergarments or the midriff, whether the student is seated, standing or moving.
- All types of shirts and tops must be worn close to the neckline and must have sleeves.
- Shirt types inappropriate for our school setting include, but not limited to: tube, tank, halter or crop.
- The length for the shirt must be long enough to be tucked into pants.
- Hooded sweatshirts may be worn, however students are not permitted to have the hood pulled over their head.

PANTS

- Neither the fabric, nor fit, nor fashion of a student's pants shall allow exposure of undergarments or the midriff whether the student is seated, standing or moving.
- Pants must be worn at waist level. Pants must be size appropriate and can't drag on the floor.
- Any holes in pants must be within four inches of knee level and cannot be large enough to be deemed inappropriate or a safety concern. Any skin exposed above 4 inches from the knee must be covered from the inside.
- Pajama pants are unacceptable.

SHORTS, SKIRTS & DRESSES

- All shorts, skirts and dresses shall be no shorter than four inches above the knee.
- Shorts and skirts must be worn at waist level and may not have holes within four inches of knee level.

SHOES

- Shoes must be worn at all times and must fit securely through design with strapping or tied laces.
- No flip flops, soccer slide/beach shoes, shower shoes or slippers may be worn.
- Wheeled shoes are not permitted.

BODY PIERCING, HAIR COLORING & TATTOOS

- Any visible body piercing, tattoo, or hairstyle deemed to be a distraction to the learning environment by administration will not be allowed.

BACKPACKS, LARGE PURSES & BAGS

- All backpacks, large purses and bags and backpack purses shall remain in lockers at all times unless permission is otherwise granted.

COATS & JACKETS

- Heavy winter coats and jackets shall remain in lockers unless permission is otherwise granted.

DISRUPTIONS TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Strictly prohibited are any types of clothing and accessories that promote alcohol, drugs, gangs, weapons, tobacco, violence, sexual behavior, profanity or discrimination through words, pictures or innuendo.
- Headphones or any other type of electronic device or accessory should not be visible unless the student is in the appropriate zone. Headphones should never be worn as an accessory around the neck or in any other visible manner.

* Any exceptions to this dress code must be approved by Woodland's Principal and/or his/her designee.