

STUDENT DRESS CODE: The Board of Education recognizes that a neat and appropriate appearance reflects positively on the individual student as well as on the school as a whole, and can contribute to educational success. Students are expected to come to school clean, neat, well groomed and appropriately dressed. It is the responsibility of both parents and students to ensure all clothing worn in Woodruff School is "modest and appropriate." Woodruff School affirms that acceptable standards for students are predicated on decency, neatness, cleanliness and safety. Dress for school must not distract from nor disrupt the educational process. Students and parents are also reminded that students attending Woodruff School do not have recess.

WOODRUFF SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

1. **Holes and frays are only permitted below the fingertips.**
2. Clothing on which profane or suggestive language or symbols are printed or attached is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, clothing that refers to, promotes or advocates the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or firearms.
3. Clothing must cover undergarments as well as the torso areas of the body (between the shoulders and the top of the legs, front and back). Pants are to be worn at the **waistline** with no undergarments and no part of the torso visible, including when students are seated. All tops must be high enough at the neckline to completely cover any cleavage. Any top with a neckline that might expose cleavage must be worn with a top with a higher neckline **UNDERNEATH**. **No tank tops or spaghetti strap tops are permitted.**



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4. Shorts and skirts must be worn at an appropriate length. **Appropriate length shall be defined as 4 inches above the knee or fingertips, whichever is longer.** This rule applies even when tights, leggings or stockings are worn under the skirt or shorts.



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5. Hats, headbands, sweatbands, **headwraps**, and hoods are not to be worn at any time in school during the school day. If any of these items are worn to school, they must be secured in the lockers at the beginning of the school day. Hooded sweatshirts of any type (pullover, zipper, etc.) are not permitted to be worn as a shirt
6. Coats, jackets, or vests designed as outerwear are not to be worn during the school day, and must be secured in the lockers at the beginning of the school day. During the school day, acceptable attire includes sweaters, sweatshirts, or light jackets that are part of matching ensembles. Since many students are sensitive to temperature, it is suggested that they keep sweaters or sweatshirts in their lockers to be used as needed throughout the school year.
7. Sunglasses, including glazed and/or tinted glasses, and **empty frames**, may not be worn in the building unless approved by the school nurse.
8. Leggings, tights, and yoga pants **should only be worn for gym class**.
9. Students must wear suitable footwear at all times. For safety reasons, types of footwear that are BOTH open-toed and backless are not permitted. No slippers, flip flops, soccer sandals, shower sandals and other types of footwear associated with these types of footwear are permitted. In order to protect the school's flooring, types of footwear with cleats or metal attachments are not permitted.



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10. Any mode of dress which presents a safety hazard, health hazard, or distraction to others may not be worn. In addition, clothing promoting offensive or obscene material is prohibited. The determination of the appropriateness of any mode of dress is at the discretion of the school administration.

The dress code applies to all school-sponsored activities, including dances, field trips, and extracurricular activities, unless an explicit exemption has been granted by the school administration.

It is the responsibility of the individual students and their parents to understand and request clarification about the dress code. After the third day of school, it will be assumed that all students understand and will follow the dress code. Once a warning has been documented, students will be subjected to disciplinary action for repeated dress code violations.