

Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:	Descriptor Term: Dress Code	Descriptor Code: 6.310	Revised Date: 4-7-22
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2 As stated earlier in policy, the mission of Weakley County Schools is "...to provide an education
3 environment that will encourage students to achieve their full potential as they prepare for unique
4 roles as contributing members of our complex and changing society."

5 It is with this important mission in mind that the following improvements shall be adopted to prepare
6 our students, in the least disruptive setting possible, to take their place in the ever-changing, ever-
7 competitive workplace.

8 **Shirts:**

- 9 • Shall be in any solid color, with a collar and sleeves (a polo-type shirt is an example, but ***not***
10 the only alternative). Shirts shall be designed to button up to the neck. The **top** button is the
11 ***only*** button which may remain unfastened. Turtle-neck or mock turtle-neck shirts may not be
12 worn alone but may be worn as an undergarment. (They must be a solid color.)
- 13 • The color of the shirt worn will contrast with the color of the pants worn on any given day.
- 14 • Shirts shall be sized to fit, neither skintight, nor oversized. No skin must show between
15 the shirt and pants in any position.
- 16 • Shirts may have a small design or logo provided it is no larger than a 3 ½" x 2" business
17 card. (The logo of Weakley County Schools is exempt from this size requirement.)
- 18 • Shirts shall be in good condition, free of tears and holes.

20 **Pants:**

- 21 • Pants shall be sized to fit and hang free at the ankle, neither skintight, oversized, sagging, nor
22 dragging the ground or floor.
- 23 • Pants shall have ***no*** embroidery, sequins, beads, appliques, patches or other decorations.
- 24 • Pants shall be in good condition, free of tears and holes.
- 25 • Pants shall be a solid color. Khaki, black, brown, blue denim, olive, stone or navy are colors
26 which will be accepted at schools throughout the county. The color of the pants worn will
27 contrast with the color of the shirt worn on any given day. Cargo pants are not considered
28 acceptable attire.
- 29 • Pants are to have no more than two side pockets and two back pockets.
- 30 • Shorts, which touch the top of the knee when standing, and are one of the solid colors listed
31 previously (Khaki, black, brown, blue denim, olive, stone or navy) will be accepted at
32 schools throughout the county. Cargo shorts are not considered acceptable attire.
- 33 • Capri pants will be accepted in the approved colors.
- 34 • Sweatpants, pajama pants, wind pants or other leisure/sports attire are to be reserved for
35 after school hours for events/team travel.
- 36 • For safety reasons, belt buckles are to be **no larger than a credit card**. Belts are to be
37 either black or brown, and solid in color.
- 38 • Suspenders are not allowed.

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1 **Skirts and Jumpers:**

- 2 • Skirts shall be solid in color (Khaki, black, brown, blue denim, olive, stone or navy).
3 Acceptable hemlines will touch the top of the knee or longer when standing.
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5 **Outer Garments:**

- 6 • Solid colored sweaters may be worn, provided they are free of writing, symbols
7 embroidery, sequins, beads, appliques, patches or other decorations. Sweaters which
8 rest at the hip are acceptable.
9 A sweater is considered cotton, cotton/poly blend or of fleece style. A sweater may be
10 of any solid color, may be short or long sleeved, may have a full or ¼” zipper, and may
11 be a vest style. A sweater may have a hood, but the hood may not be worn inside of the
12 school building.
13 • If a sweater is worn, an approved style shirt or turtleneck/mock turtleneck must be worn
14 underneath.
15 • School spirit wear will be allowed to and from each campus, and to school events.
16 Students will be expected to store their outer garments in their lockers daily. Other school
17 spirit wear (sweatshirts, t-shirts or other team, club, or school extracurricular activity
18 items) will be allowed when approved by the school administrator or designee. **For safety**
19 **reasons, hoodies may be worn, but the hood may not be worn inside of the school**
20 **building.**
21 • Due to varying classroom temperatures, heavy jackets/raincoats/coats may be carried by
22 students throughout the instructional hours of the day. All jackets will be consistent with
23 school/team or otherwise approved solid colors previously mentioned. All jackets will
24 fall no longer than at the hip. Jackets/coats may have a hood, but the hood may not be
25 worn inside of the school building.
26 • Name brand jackets may have a small design or logo provided it is no larger than a 3-1/2”
27 x 2” business card.
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29 **Shoes:**

- 30 • For safety reasons, shoes will be laced, tied, strapped, or hooked if intended. Sandals,
31 tennis shoes, loafers and boots will be accepted. House shoes will not be permitted. Flip
32 flops are not considered appropriate attire.
33 • For safety reasons, heel height will be limited to 1 ½”.
34 • Socks, worn with shoes, will be solid in color and matching.
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36 **Headwear/Jewelry/Accessories, etc.:**

- 37 • Hats, hoods, toboggans, bandannas, scarves, sweatbands, stocking caps, hair rollers or
38 combs will not be considered acceptable in the school building.
39 • Ear piercing, a maximum of two per ear, is the only form of acceptable displayed
40 piercing.
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Religious Exemptions:

A religious exemption may be based upon the religion of the parent/guardian or student, but the custodial parent/guardian must apply for the exemption in writing in any case.¹

Application shall be made to the school to which the student attends. A response to the exemption request may be expected within one week. If the request is denied, a written explanation will be provided by the school principal.

An appeal to the principal’s decision may be made to the Director of Schools office within two (2) days. The office of Director of Schools will arrange a meeting with the custodial parent(s)/guardian within five (5) school days of the receipt of the request for appeal. If this appeal is denied, a written explanation will be provided in writing.

Transfer Students:

Students transferring into the Weakley County Schools system will be allowed up to two (2) weeks to acclimate to the standardized dress code policy as set forth above.

Legal Reference

¹ TCA 49-6-4215

Cross References

6.313 Discipline Procedures
6.316 Suspensions