

## **Winnebago Dress Code Guidelines for Students**

The District 323 dress code is designed to provide a standard of personal care, safety, and pride in appearance. It is the belief of the district that students should be conscious that the quality of their appearance is an important life-skill. Students should dress to bring pride to themselves, to their school, and to our community. All students are required to know and follow the dress code and to dress accordingly each day. Certain modes of dress are considered disruptive to the normal educational process and will not be allowed. Those not adhering to the guidelines will have the discipline code applied. The following are dress code guidelines.

### **Consequences for violating the dress code**

*Students wearing clothing or jewelry that does not comply with the district dress code will be requested to change, remove the item(s), and/or cover up. In addition, students who depart from dress code expectations may receive a verbal warning, written warning, issued a school detention or suspension. In some cases, the student may be sent home after parents are contacted. Parents will be contacted concerning repeated or extreme violations, multiple detentions, and for serious dress code violations. The building administration will make the final determination on discipline for dress code violations.*

### **Dress Code checks**

The teacher will check students each class period for dress code compliance. Dress code checks may occur at any time by any staff member.

### **Extracurricular guidelines**

Students represent the school during any extra-curricular and co-curricular activity and must adhere to the dress code unless specifically directed otherwise by the coach, sponsor, or administration. This is particularly important when traveling to and from events away from school including field trips.

### **School Spirit Days**

The last school day of the week is reserved for voluntary school spirit day. Students are asked to wear shirts, blouses, vests, pullovers or sweatshirts in the school colors of black, orange, white, or grey on this day. It is recommended that students dress in school spirit wear with a Winnebago emblem or logo displayed.

### **Special Dress Days**

Dress code is the norm for most school days. Students will be allowed to “dress-up” on certain days. The attire for special days, for example, pajama day, hat day, team jersey day, etc. will be defined by the building principal.

### **Clothing Guidelines**

- Clothing must cover undergarments and private body parts.
- No holes in the garment above the knee.

- Tank tops without an over shirt; mesh clothing or see through attire; tube tops, spaghetti strap shirts or blouses, half shirts, sport bras, undergarments worn alone, or under attire that is zipped or buttoned, such as a sweat shirt that gets zipped; or undergarments such as tops showing cleavage are not allowed.
- Clothing with unacceptable logos or messages, such as references to drugs, gangs, alcohol, tobacco, pornography, vulgar (offensive) language or sexual innuendo, i.e. Hooters shirts. No attire, body art, or jewelry is to display or make reference to alcohol or tobacco products or pornographic items.

### **Coats**

- Fleece jackets, vests, and sweatshirts are allowed.
- Trench coats and topcoats are never allowed.

### **Footwear**

- State of Illinois health laws require that shoes must be worn at school. The school nurse must approve exceptions due to a medical condition.
- Athletic shoes and leather shoes that cover the feet are acceptable.
- Backless footwear such as clogs, mules, sandals, and flip-flops may be worn.
- Skateboarding shoes or heellies may not be worn.

### **Gang-wear**

- Apparel worn to signify membership to a gang or reference to a gang is prohibited

### **Hats (caps)**

- The wearing of hats or caps on one's head indoors is not permitted. Hats, caps, etc. should be left in lockers during the school day.

### **Jewelry and Body-Jewelry**

- Mouth piercing jewelry can be hazardous in physical education class activities and are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to have or wear any animal type collars, spike or studded bracelets or chains hanging from clothing below mid-thigh.
- The wearing of jewelry that is disruptive to the learning environment shall be removed.

### **Pants**

- Shorts may be worn and must cover the middle of the thigh.
- Shorts must cover undergarments or private body parts at all times.
- Pants must cover a student's buttock.
- Pajamas are not acceptable.
- Spandex or biking pants cannot be worn alone.
- Tear away pants or those that button or zip down the side must be completely buttoned or zipped.

**Shirts**

- Shirts, blouses, dresses, or other tops must cover midriff, undergarments and private body parts.

**Skirts and dresses**

- Dresses are permitted for the normal class day.
- Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee.

**Sunglasses**

- The wearing of sunglasses indoors is not permitted.
- The school nurse must approve exceptions due to a medical condition.

**Sweaters and sweatshirts**

- Sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn.
- Layering is acceptable.

**Tattoos**

- Tattoos are strongly discouraged and should be covered.