

**Policy Code: 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. In order to provide an educational environment that is safe, conducive to learning, and promotes school pride and student self-esteem, the board adopts the following general, nondiscriminatory dress and appearance guidelines as well as the concept of standardized dress for all students.

**A. General Dress and Appearance Guidelines**

Generally, dress and grooming standards as determined by the student and his or her parents will be deemed acceptable. However, the board prohibits any appearance or clothing that does the following:

1. violates the Anson County Schools mode of standardized dress (see Section B, below);
2. is substantially disruptive to the educational process or operation of the school;
3. promotes alcoholic beverages, tobacco, the use of controlled substances or other illegal behavior, or is of a sexual nature;
4. is gang-related (for more information on gang-related attire, see policy 4328, Gang-Related Activity);
5. is sheer, mesh, or has excessive holes;
6. reveals undergarments;
7. is vulgar or obscene; or
8. endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

Principals, in conjunction with sponsors, coaches, or other persons in charge of extracurricular activities, may regulate dress and grooming of students who participate in a particular activity if the principal reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming creates a hazard, or may prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for the activity to achieve its goals.

**B. Standardized Dress**

Students at all schools must follow the approved mode of standardized dress as set forth below. Anson County Schools pride apparel may be worn as part of the approved standardized dress.

All clothing must be worn appropriately – i.e., no inside-out or backwards clothes, no rolled up pants legs, belts must be buckled and worn at the waistline, etc.

**1. Shirts**

All shirts and blouses must cover the waist or midriff. Tank tops and spaghetti straps are prohibited.

Form fitting spandex material, nylon, and leather are prohibited.

**2. Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Jumpers, Dresses, and Skorts**

Pants/shorts should have no exposed skin or underwear above the knees. Non-permanent materials are not allowed to cover skin (tissue, tape, etc).

Pants must be worn above the hips at all times. "Sagging" pants are prohibited.

Shorts, skirts, jumpers, dresses, and skorts must pass the "finger-tip" test. This means that when the student's shoulders are relaxed and arms are fully extended toward the knee at the student's side, the student's finger-tips do not reach beyond the material on the garment. This includes any slits on clothing.

Form fitting spandex material, nylon, and leather are prohibited.

**3. Footwear**

Proper footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes that have laces must be laced, tied, and fit. Shoes must have backs or heel straps.

No cleats may be worn inside.

**4. Outerwear**

Jackets and overcoats are permissible.

**5. Headwear**

Hats, sweatbands, bandanas, and sunglasses are prohibited inside school buildings.

**6. Personal Appearance**

Combs and other hair grooming items cannot be visible in the hair. Piercings are allowed unless they present a health hazard or disrupt the educational process or operation of the school.

**C. Consequences**

Before receiving disciplinary consequences, a student who is not in compliance with this policy will 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.

**D. Waivers, Accommodations, and Financial Assistance**

Each school administration and staff may choose days during the school year when students are not required to adhere to the approved standardized dress code (e.g., picture day, school spirit day, educational character costume day, etc.).

Reasonable accommodations will be made by the principal or designee for those students who, because of a sincerely held religious belief, cultural heritage, special needs, or medical reason, request a waiver of a particular guideline or provision of the standardized dress code.

Reasonable accommodations will be made by the principal or designee to accommodate students involved in special duties, activities, or projects approved by the school. This would include but is not limited to: athletics, vocational classes and projects, special events, or other activities that would allow for non-conforming dress on a school campus.

Parents who require financial assistance to comply with this policy may submit a request for assistance in writing to the principal.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-47, -390.2](#)

Cross References: Student Behavior Policies (policy 4300), School Plan for Management of Student Behavior (policy 4302), Disruptive Behavior (policy 4315), Gang-Related Activity (policy 4328)

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**Rotary Planetarium and Science Center**

The Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center provides hands-on science activities for all 5th grade students during the school year. Each of the six visits concentrates on the unit of study they are currently working on in science. Students are interactive with the frog and rat dissections, rocket launches and many other science experiments.

During the summer the planetarium hosted six weeks of "Summer of STEM" Camp. Grades K-5 were each given a week with a theme that corresponded to their specific science standards. The camp focused on immersing campers in hands-on STEM activities and providing meaningful field trip opportunities. Campers enjoyed getting hands on experiences with animals, riding construction equipment and monster trucks, as well as learning about robotics. One camp learned how to sew and make pillows with the help of some local community volunteers.

The planetarium is so appreciative to all the local businesses that allowed us to visit. The camp served 130 students. Scholarships were available for those students who were unable to pay the camp tuition fee. The camp also utilized 8 high school and middle school students as "camp counselors" as part of their community service.

Wendy Efird and Lori Ingram are the directors of the planetarium.



**2022-23 School Year Bell Schedule**

2022-23 Bell Schedule	Earliest Arrival-Unload	Latest Arrival	Morning Bell	Shuttle Afternoon Release	Afternoon Dismissal
WPS	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
WES	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
AES	7:05 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
MES	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
PPES	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
LES	7:05 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
AHS	8:05 AM	8:20 AM	8:30 AM		3:25 PM
AMS	8:05 AM	8:20 AM	8:30 AM		3:30 PM
ACEC	7:50 AM	8:15 AM	8:15 AM	3:10 PM	3:10 PM

**REMINDER!**

**THERE IS CURRENTLY NO UNIFORM DRESS REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS. AT THE JULY 26, 2021 AND AUGUST 9, 2021 BOARD MEETINGS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED A REVISED STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY THAT ELIMINATED THE SECTION ON UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS. THIS POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**