

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 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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JAMM Initiative During Summer Learning Camp



The Anson County School District made the NC Department of Public Instruction's Weekly Top 10 list! Anson County Schools was the "District Spotlight" in their Weekly Top 10 for their JAMM (Jump into Art Music and Movement) Initiative that was implemented during the summer learning camp.

JAMM: Jump into Art Music and Movement JAMM is a hands-on initiative created by Anson County Schools that engages students in the creative process by exploring connections between art, music, and movement with other subject areas. During summer learning camp

students are able to dive deeper into thematic units of study as they "travel around the world" by participating in interactive, kinesthetic, and authentic cultural learning activities. This is a nontraditional interactive space where students' social, emotional, and physical needs are met.



A huge thanks goes to Melody Stinson and Scarlett Ponds for leading this program!

Superintendent Howard McLean stated, "Our students have benefited greatly from this interactive experience. The experience of the JAMM program has and will continue to produce positive impacts on academic, social and physical development, and we look forward to continuing to grow this program in the future!"



Way to go, Anson County Motion!

JAMM (Jumping into Arts Motion and Movement) is also starting at Wadesboro Primary School this year in 1st grade. Mrs. Stinson and Miss Ponds are developing exciting and engaging learning activities for students. For example, they are building an interactive sight word wall, and a fact fluency "body" calculator. Mrs. Stinson and Miss Ponds will also incorporate cultural celebrations into their classes. Mrs. Stinson and Miss Ponds have received state recognition from NC DPI for the program they have developed and implemented during summer school.

We are very excited to have JAMM at WPS this year.



2021-22 School Year Bell Schedule

2021-22 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	7:00 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	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
AHS	7:55 AM	8:05 AM	8:15 AM		3:25 PM
AMS	7:55 AM	8:05 AM	8:15 AM		3:25 PM
ACEC	7:45 AM	8:15 AM	8:15 AM	3:10 PM	3:10 PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anson County Schools' employment opportunities can be found at www.ansonschools.org on the homepage under the Employment tab.