

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Policy Code:

4316

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:

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

Golf/polo or tee shirts are permissible but must be a solid school color. Students at all schools may wear white, navy or orange. In addition, students at the following schools may wear the following colors:

- Anson Academy – white, navy or orange
- Anson Early College High – royal blue, gold or gray
- Anson High School – white, navy or orange
- Anson New Technology High School – red or black
- Anson Middle School – white, navy or orange
- Ansonville Elementary – royal blue
- Lilesville Elementary – royal blue
- Morven Elementary – green
- Peachland-Polkton Elementary – royal blue
- Wadesboro Primary – purple
- Wadesboro Elementary – purple

Woven button-down, collared dress shirts are permissible and may be multicolored at all high schools but must be a solid color at all elementary and middle schools.

Mock turtle necks or turtle necks are permissible and may be multicolored at all high schools but must be a solid color at all elementary and middle schools.

Crew neck sweaters or sweatshirts that do not hang past the straddle of the pants are permissible and may be multicolored at all high schools but must be a solid color at all elementary and middle schools.

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

Form fitting spandex material, nylon, leather, denim, corduroy, overalls and sweat shirts are prohibited.

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

All such "bottom" garments must be khaki (tan) or navy in color. No other colors may be visible on the garment (e.g., pockets, buttons, zippers, etc.).

Garments cannot have frays and must be hemmed and not dragging the floor.

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, leather, denim, corduroy, overalls and sweat pants 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 and may be multicolored at all high schools but must be a solid color or a combination of white, navy and/or orange at all elementary and middle schools.

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.

CONSEQUENCES

Before being punished, 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.

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.

Upcoming School Events, Activities & Programs**DISTRICT-WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

District-wide parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 1. Students will have early release that day.

- *Elementary Schools* will release at 12:30 p.m. Conferences 1-6 p.m.
- *Middle/High Schools* will release at 1:30 p.m. Conferences 2-7 p.m.

PEACHLAND-POLKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES

- *August 20* Open House 2:30-5:30 p.m.
- *September 7* No School - Labor Day Holiday
- *September 15* 1st PTO meeting 6:00 p.m.
- *October 1* Early Release at 12:30 p.m. for Parent Conferences 1:00-6:00 p.m.
- *October 20* 2nd PTO meeting recognizing Terrific Kids
- *October 26* End of 1st 9 weeks grading period
- *October 27* No school for students - Teacher Workday
- *October 28* 1st Media Night 3:00-7:00 p.m.

MORVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES

- *August 20* Open House 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- *September 1* PTA and Title 1 Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- *September 15* Girl Scouts Recruiter will be present at 6:00 p.m.
- *November 6* Veteran's Day Assembly at 1:00 p.m.

WADESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES

- *August 20* Open House 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- *August 31* Boy Scout Rally Assembly at 1:45 p.m.
- *September 1* Boy Scout Recruitment Night at WPS 6:30 p.m.
- *September 11* You Are Just Grand Grandparents' Day 7:30 a.m.
- *September 14* Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies Team Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- *September 14* School Improvement Team Meeting 5:15 p.m.
- *September 14* PTA & Title I Parent Involvement & Rights Meeting and Parental Involvement Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m.
- *October 5 to 9* Book Fair
- *October 6* Fall Picture Day
- *October 12* Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- *October 12* School Improvement Team Meeting 5:15 p.m.
- *October 12* PTA & Title I Parental Involvement Family Reading Night at 6:00 p.m.
- *November 9* Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies Team Meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- *November 9* School Improvement Team Meeting 5:15 p.m.
- *November 9* PTA at 6:00 p.m.
- *November 10* Fall Picture Make-Up Day
- *November 10* Veteran's Day Assembly at 1:00 p.m.

ANSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES

- *August 20* Open House 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- *September 4* PTO Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

LILESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES

- *August 20* Open House 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- *September 2* 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups for Boy Scouts of America
- *September 11* 6:00 p.m. Sign-ups for Girls Scouts of the USA
- *September 21* 6:30 p.m. Title I/Parent Education Workshop
- *November 16* 6:30 p.m. Parent Education Workshop
- *November 24* 9:30 a.m. Student Recognition Assembly

WADESBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES

- *August 20* Open House 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- *October 2* Fall Pictures
- *October 20* Parent Advisory at 7:30 a.m.
- *October 20* School Improvement Team Meeting at 5:45 p.m.
- *October 20* PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- *November 10* Fall Make-Up Pictures and Holiday Pictures
- *November 17* Parent Advisory at 7:30 a.m.
- *November 17* School Improvement Team at 5:45 p.m.
- *November 17* PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2015 - 2016 SCHOOL YEAR BELL SCHEDULE

School Name	Earliest Arrival	Latest Arrival	Morning Bell	Shuttle Afternoon Release	Afternoon Dismissal
WPS	7:10 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:25 PM
WES	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:35 PM
AES	7:10 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
MES	7:10 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
PPES	7:10 AM	7:20 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
LES	7:10 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
AA	8:05 AM	8:15 AM	8:15 AM	3:15 PM	3:25 PM
ANTHS	7:55 AM	8:05 AM	8:15 AM		3:25 PM
ACEC	7:50 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM