

Policy Code: 4316 Student Dress Code

The board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affects 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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Reading Camp at Wadesboro Primary School

ACS District Reading Camp finished up with an amazing final week!! Students and teachers from across the district came together to create a space for reading and fun!

Students have gone into the ocean with JAMM, connected reading with art and writing in the library, and had visits from community guest readers.

Our guests have been awesome, with members of our Board of Education, Anson County Partnership for Children, Anson County 4-H, Anson County probation officers, Anson County educators, Anson County students, Anson County principals, community members, and Anson County Central Office staff! We even had visits from Commissioner Jamie Caudle and Superintendent Howard McLean!

Have a great summer and we will see you on August 28th.

WPS Summer Volunteers

Class COBT #42 (Correctional Officer Basic Training) at South Piedmont Community College volunteered at Wadesboro Primary School as part of their team building project required for graduation, which was Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 1:00pm. This group assisted with cleaning the school and preparing it for the start of the year. In addition, they also donated needed supplies for the students at WPS.

We appreciate your help and working to make WPS a better place. "All employees must go through COBT for State Certification." stated Case Manager, Mary Sturdivant.

Wadesboro Primary School Installs New Safety Enhancements

You might notice something different on your next visit to Wadesboro Primary School! We were very fortunate to have new blinds installed in every classroom and office in the building. This addition is a great way to regulate temperature...and they look great, too!!

Additionally, WPS has a new radio system along with new access control doors. These installations are representative of the increased safety measures taken at Wadesboro Primary School.



2023-24 Bell Schedule

Schools	Earliest	Latest	Morning	Shuttle	Afternoon
	Arrival-Unload	Arrival	Bell	Afternoon Release	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	8:25 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	3:15 PM	3:15 PM
AXIS	8:20 AM	8:30 AM	8:25 AM	3:25 PM	3:25 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.