

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS

5700

WELFARE/DISCIPLINE

Student Dress Code

Responsibility for the personal appearance of students enrolled in the Wausau School District shall normally rest with the students themselves and their parents/guardians. Student dress or grooming shall not, however, affect the health or safety of students or disrupt the learning process within the classroom or school.

To assure a healthy and safe school environment for students, the following student dress code guidelines will be enforced:

1. During the school day, hats, caps, bandannas, head coverings, and jackets shall be taken off and placed in the student's locker soon after the student enters the building. These items shall not be worn in the classroom and they shall not be worn in the school building except when the student has immediately entered or is leaving the building.
2. Students will not be permitted to wear any clothing that contains pictures and/or writing referencing alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, promotion of gambling, illegal drugs, and/or gangs.
3. Medallions or other jewelry that identify gang members or gang affiliation or that represent a gang shall also not be worn or displayed in school or at school events. Also, gang clothing is not always restricted to an item of clothing, but may include the way in which a particular item of clothing is worn. No gang insignia may be worn, possessed, used, distributed, displayed, carried, or sold by any student on school grounds or at school-related activities at any time. The reference to "gang insignia" would also encompass items of clothing that signify gang activity by the manners in which they are worn.

This code is not intended to limit the right of the building and/or District administration to establish rules or restrictions regarding other paraphernalia or dress that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the learning environment of any school. If there is a disagreement between students and/or parents/guardians and staff regarding the appropriateness of clothing or other paraphernalia, the principal will use his/her discretion to make the final decision.

Students who violate the rules will be subject to collection of the inappropriate item(s) and/or sent home by the administration for appropriate wearing apparel. A parent/guardian conference will be called to return inappropriate item(s). Repeated violations of school rules may constitute grounds for suspension or other appropriate action to correct the situation.

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