

STUDENT DRESS

A face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn by all individuals in school buildings, on school grounds and on school transportation. Exempted from this policy are students requiring a medical and/or safety exemption as determined by the building principal in accordance with the District Face Covering Policy.

It is largely the responsibility of the student, with the guidance of parents, to determine what is appropriate dress for school or school related activities, however, the Westfield Public School system reserves the right to prohibit clothing or manner of dress which constitutes a health or safety concern or is so unusual as to be disruptive or distracting to the educational process. This includes but is not limited to, clothing that:

- has wording, pictures or designs of a graphic sexual nature
- is vulgar or plainly offense
- displays, advertises or promotes the use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal substances
- displays, promotes or encourages overt violence or other illegal activity
- see-through clothing, barebacks or midriffs, short shorts or skirts, exceptionally soiled or torn clothing, bandanas, low slung trousers, muscle shirts.

If such clothing is worn to school, students will be required to change or cover the clothing before returning to class or school activity.

The final determination of what is not appropriate is determined by the Principal and/or his/her designee.

Legal References: MGL 71:83

Other References: Student Handbooks

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