

## Westwood Middle School Dress Code for 2017-2018

Our dress code is designed to support a climate where learning and academic achievement are the focus. It is based on comfort, modesty, appropriateness, safety, and affordability. Students are expected to comply with the dress code at all times. When there is a question about the applicability or appropriateness of dress, the judgment and decision of the administration shall prevail.

### Shirts:

- 6th Grade- Red/Pink Color Family
- 7th Grade- Green Color Family
- 8th Grade- Blue Color Family
  
- Any solid color shirt, turtleneck, or collared shirt may be worn. Polo style shirts are defined as knit with a button placket on the front chest area and a fold-over collar with long or short sleeves.
- Sleeveless shirts, see-through or sheer shirts or spaghetti strap shirts are not allowed.
- Tank top or halter top shirts are not allowed.
- Shirts that expose the midriff or underclothing are not allowed.
- Shirt tails must be tucked into the pants, shorts, or skirt at all times.
- Shirts are to be sized so that the sleeve seam rides on the shoulder.
- Jean jackets constitute light outerwear, not collared shirts.
- Athletic wear, including outfits, are not acceptable.
- Shirts are not to bear slogans, graphics or messages.
- Manufacturer logos, if present, are to be small (no larger than a quarter) and discreet.
- When desirable, undershirts in solid colors of short or long sleeves may be worn under the appropriate grade level polo or collared shirt. Undershirts must be white, or the same color family of the shirt.
- T-shirts with writing or drawings on them should not be worn on top of collared shirts.
- No cleavage should be visible.

### Pants/Shorts:

- Solid color blue or black jeans, no grey
- No white washed jeans
- Solid tan or brown khaki pants
- No words, logos, or patterns are permitted. Stripes, fringe, rips, tears, or multi-colored pants are not allowed.
- Baggy pants, cargo pants, sweat pants, leggings, skinny leg pants, or nylon jogging pants are not allowed.
- All pants must be worn at the waist.
- Pants or shorts that are tight-fitting, that are over-sized, that sag, or that include holes are not acceptable.
- Capri pants are acceptable provided these are not tight-fitting and are solid color tan or brown khaki
- Capri pants or solid color blue or black Capri pants that are knee-length.

### Skirts:

- Black, navy, jean or khaki skirts are acceptable as long as they reach to the top of the knee when standing.
- Skirts may not have a split above the knee.
- Skirts are not to bear slogans, graphics, or messages.
- Mini-skirts or dresses are not allowed.

**Shoes and socks:**

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- No sandal, slipper, bedroom shoe, or beachwear is appropriate.
- Open-toed or open-heeled shoes, including flip flops and sandals, are not acceptable.
- Athletic shoes with socks are to be worn to school on days when the student is scheduled for physical education class.

**Belts:**

- Belts are to be worn with any pants, skirt, or shorts designed with belt loops.
- Belts should be visible.

**Purses:**

- All purses and pocketbooks are to be kept in the lockers during the school day. Locker visits are allowed for hygiene items.

**Outerwear:**

- Coats and all such outerwear may be worn into the building and placed in the locker.
- Students may wear solid color fleece sweaters or solid color light jackets with or without hoods that coincide with the grade level. The light jacket may not have writing or logos larger than a quarter.

**Jewelry/Headgear:**

- Any personal jewelry or fashion accessory that is a safety hazard or that is a distraction to the learning environment will not be permitted. Dangling chains will not be permitted.
- Students may wear one small (1 inch in diameter) pair of earrings, one necklace under 20 inches long, one watch, one bracelet, and one ring per hand.
- No other jewelry may be worn, including nose rings, eyebrow rings, tongue rings, lip rings, silly bands, etc.
- No headgear is permitted inside the building.
- Bandanas may not be brought or worn on campus.
- Hats should not be attached to any part of the body. They should be stored inside of students' backpacks and/or lockers.

**Grooming:**

- No grooming style or personal accessory that represents a safety hazard or that is a disruption to the learning environment will be permitted.
- All grooming materials should not be visible.
- Due to allergies, body sprays or scented lotions are not permitted at school.

**Special days:**

The administration may designate special days as out-of-dress code days. On these days, clothing will be worn that is appropriate for the school environment. After consulting with the school administration, coaches, club advisors, and directors of school programs may modify the school dress code on particular occasions. Jerseys, organizational T-shirts, and uniform parts must be tucked into the pants.