

## **General Dress Code for Western Sierra Collegiate Academy.**

The following dress code was created with input from those whom it may affect, including students, faculty, and parents.

1. Any given clothing shall be permitted unless otherwise explicitly prohibited in the following sections.
2. For purposes of the following sections, clothing is defined as all the garments that an individual is wearing.
3. A student shall not be subjected to disciplinary sanctions due to clothing, which is not explicitly prohibited in the following sections.
4. Clothing is prohibited which is unsafe either for himself/herself or others.
5. Clothing is prohibited which is disruptive to school programs or the educational process.
6. Clothing is prohibited which is suggestive of or displays ideas related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, nudity, weapons, sexual activity, gang ideology, obscene language, lawlessness or is found to be discriminatory on the basis of a person's actual or perceived; ethnicity, religion, sex, gender or gender identity, color, race, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, sexual orientation or association with a person or a protected group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics in any of its policies, practices or procedures, programs or activities.
7. Clothing is prohibited which does not cover the buttocks at all times.
8. Clothing is prohibited which does not cover the stomach.
  - a) For purposes of this section the stomach is defined as the front and side of the midriff.
9. Clothing is prohibited which does not cover the chest.
  - a) For purposes of this section the chest is defined as the front of the upper torso across and down from the armpits.
10. Clothing is prohibited which does not cover the back beneath the shoulder blades.
  - a) For purposes of this section, an area is considered covered if it is partially obscured from view by mesh, lace or other similar material.
11. Clothing is prohibited which does not cover the shoulders unless such clothing has a strap that was originally intended to be worn over each shoulder or other garment that goes over each shoulder.
  - a) This section shall not be construed as requiring straps or other material to have a certain width.

12. Clothing is prohibited which does not cover undergarments.
  - a) This section shall not be construed as prohibiting bra straps from being visible.
13. Clothing is prohibited which has rips or tears that cause an area to be visible in a manner that is prohibited by any of the above sections.
14. Footwear must be worn at all times.
15. Non-prescription dark glasses are prohibited in classrooms.
16. Studded or metal belts; wristbands, large chains, wallet chains, spiked or with bullets, and handcuffs are prohibited.
17. Headwear shall be permitted on campus, including in classrooms. A teacher may place restrictions upon the headwear which may be worn in their classroom, so long as such a policy is provided to the students in the course syllabus. This shall not be construed as placing any limitations on headwear worn for religious purposes.
18. Dances, athletic events and other specialized event or circumstance may have different requirements for dress code in accordance to the needs of the event. If an event requires an alternative dress code, it shall be made available by the organizing entity in advance of the specialized event or circumstance.

### **Procedures for dress code violations:**

The student shall be handed a hall pass instructing the student to report to Student Services with a code "DC" indicating a dress code violation. The faculty member issuing the pass for a violation shall not discuss the violation with the student and shall not be involved with further proceedings. Once at Student Services the student shall meet with office staff to discuss the violation and the resulting consequences. The student shall be entitled to an additional opinion from an administrator, whose decision is final. The consequences for a violation are as follows:

- First violation in a school year: Change of clothing\* and parent form letter email notification.
- Second violation in a school year: Change of clothing\*, parent notification, silent lunch assigned.
- Third violation in a school year: Change of clothing\*, parent notification, after school detention assigned.

Fourth violation and all subsequent violations in a school year: Change of clothing\*, meeting with parent and student to develop a written plan to ensure future compliance and determine consequences that are appropriate for the repeated nature of violations.

\*The student may elect to either wear suitable, alternative clothing provided by the school, request a parent to bring suitable, alternative clothing, or suitable, alternative clothing which they have on campus.