

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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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.



Madelynn Thomas Student at Anson County Early College Attends the Washington Youth Tour

As many as 1,500 high school students nationally are invited to spend a week in Washington, D.C. as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. All area rising juniors and seniors whose home is served by Pee Dee Electric are eligible to compete for an all-expense paid trip to the nation's capital.

This year Madelynn Thomas from Anson County Early College was selected to attend this wonderful program. During this trip Madelynn was able to enjoy a variety of unique experiences as she cruised the Potomac River, visited the Washington National Cathedral, toured the U.S. Capitol, and explored many other historical monuments and museums around the city.

Madelynn also got to meet with other youth from across the country and legislative contacts.

This is a great experience for high school students and we are excited that Madelynn got to participate this year and represent Anson County Early College!

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SAT TEST

The SAT will be given at Anson High School on the following dates for the 2023-2024 school year:
OCT. 5, 2024 • NOV. 2, 2024 • MARCH 8, 2025
 Please note that the SAT is now digital.

2024-25 Bell Schedule					
Schools	Morning Bus Unload	Late Arrival	Morning Bell	Shuttle Afternoon Release	Afternoon Dismissal
WPS	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
WES	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
AES	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
MES	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
PPES	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
LES	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	7:30 AM		2:30 PM
AHS	7:50 AM	8:10 AM	8:25 AM		3:25 PM
AMS	7:50 AM	8:10 AM	8:30 AM		3:30 PM
ACEC	7:50 AM	8:00 AM	8:15 AM	3:15 PM	3:15 PM
AXIS	8:15 AM	8:20 AM	8:25 AM	3:15 PM	3:15 PM