

# Western School of Technology and Environmental Science

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## Student Dress Code

According to the [Board of Education Rule 5520: Conduct](#), “the student dress code is intended to outline **acceptable standards** for student dress during the school day and during other school sponsored activities in to **preserve a safe and orderly environment that is conducive to learning**. Students will wear attire in a manner that supports a healthy and safe learning environment.”

Western School of Technology adheres to the BCPS dress code and prohibits attire that is disruptive to the school environment, that promotes illegal or harmful activities, or that could endanger the health and safety of the student or other students which includes, but is not limited to, that which:

- Depicts messages that are lewd, vulgar, obscene, plainly offensive, violent, sexually explicit, or that references items that are illegal in general or illegal specifically for underage students.
- Promotes the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
- Contains sexually suggestive messages.
- Depicts gang affiliation.
- Causes or is likely to cause a substantial material disruption to school activities or the orderly and safe operation of the school or at school-sponsored activities.
- Contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior.
- Contains language and/or displays images, symbols, materials, or other items that promote hatred, racial or ethnic violence, intimidation or harassment, such as but not limited to swastikas, the confederate flag, and nooses.

The following are not permitted except in individual cases as approved by the principal of the school: bare feet, headwear and face coverings, except when worn for medical reasons or as an expression of a student’s religious practice and faith.

As we create a culture for learning and college and career readiness at Western Tech, our expectation is that students refrain from wearing **provocative or distracting clothing** (including clothing that exposes the torso area, back, and shoulders or clothing that is fully covered in a sheer material. This includes but is not limited to tops without straps, bare midriffs, sheer or woven materials, and low-cut shirts); **extremely short skirts or shorts; sleepwear, pajamas, intimate wear, or visible underwear** (no underwear should be visible at any time on any student); and/or accessories such as **sunglasses or head coverings of any type** except as worn as a legitimate expression of a student’s religious practice (this includes hoods, bandanas, scarves, do-rags, and hair bonnets).

**Students and parents are reminded that should a student fail to adhere to these dress code guidelines, he or she will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.**