

# Thomas E. Weightman Middle School

## 2019-20 Wildcat Dress Code

**WARNING:** The District School Board of Pasco County has determined that failure to follow these guidelines will result in disciplinary action!



**Students shall wear modest clothing.** Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikinis, tank tops, sleepwear including pajamas, tight-fitting sweat pants, yoga pants, spandex clothing (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreation activities) are not appropriate for school.



Students may wear shorts, skirts, and dresses as long as they are **no more than 4" above the knee**. Jeans cannot have any holes above the knee. **Leggings can ONLY be worn if it's covered by a dress, shorts, or skirt that is no more than 4" above the knee.**



Students' clothing shall be worn appropriately with **pants worn securely at the waist** and with **no abdomen skin or underwear exposed**.



Blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit. **Muscle shirts, see through shirts, tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, and strapless tops are not acceptable.** Due to latest fashion, we will allow sleeveless shirts to be worn if it covers the entire shoulder and no undergarment is visible.



Tops must be long enough to **clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in** during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.



**Students shall not wear hats or head coverings to include hoodies** on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities by the Principal.



**Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons** while on school grounds or on school transportation. **Slippers are not acceptable.**



Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body or clothing which are **offensive to good taste** or the maintenance of decorum, or which **advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs**, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions.



**Wallet chains, dog collars, or costumes shall not be permitted.** Bandanas will not be permitted - not even as a hair accessory.

The Principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance. The Principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. **The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.**

**Special Note:** A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. Failure to do so may result in a discipline referral. Repeated violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary interventions.