

# FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## STUDENT DRESS CODE

During regular school hours, students' appearance should be neat and clean. Dress and appearance which cause disruption of the educational process or present health or safety problems shall not be permitted. Articles of clothing with offensive, suggestive, obscene, or disruptive patches, slogans, symbols, or other print material shall be prohibited. Such prohibited items include: slogans, patches, or advertisements which promote alcoholic beverages and/or other harmful or illegal substances; items associated with gang affiliation or activity; and items that promote racial divisiveness.

The Board strongly believes that it is the responsibility of students and parents or guardians to use reason, good judgment, and common decency in the choice of dress and physical grooming in the school setting. Generally, dress and appearance are the responsibility of parents; however, no student has the right to dress or appear in such a manner that disrupts the teaching/learning process.

When the dress or appearance of a student disrupts the teaching-learning process, or is a safety concern, the principal has the authority to take disciplinary action.

### **Jewelry**

1. Students are not allowed to wear jewelry or accessories on the face, in the mouth or in the tongue. A clear/invisible retainer may be used in the nose as a placeholder, which should be provided by the student.
2. Hemp jewelry is not allowed.
3. Bracelets, belts, gloves, necklaces or other accessories with vulgar/offensive language, spikes, studs, metal balls, or chains will not be allowed.
4. Gauges are not allowed in the ears.

### **Hair and Makeup**

1. Hair must be clean, well groomed, and should not impair vision.
2. No hairstyle, article which is disruptive to the learning environment will be allowed.
3. No makeup, which is disruptive to the learning environment, will be allowed.

### **Shirts**

1. Shirts must have sleeves that cover the shoulders, upper arms and armpits. Shirts must also cover cleavage/chest area.
2. Shirts and tops should be long enough to cover midriff at all times (sitting, standing, raising hands). Shirts must be buttoned high enough to cover the chest, and back.
3. All shirts must fit properly and not be excessively oversized or excessively long.
4. Shirts must not be see-through without an undershirt.

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## Dresses and Skirts

1. Dresses must cover the top of the shoulders and armpits. They must also have sleeves or worn with a top that does have sleeves.
2. Dresses must be buttoned high enough to cover the chest, and the back of the body cannot be exposed. Cleavage/chest area must not be seen.
3. All Dresses and skirts must be worn at the top of the knee or longer.

## Pants

1. All pants must be clean and in good repair.
2. No shredding, splits, or holes in pants that expose the skin above halfway between the knee and hip (mid-thigh).
3. All pants must fit properly - no sagging/dragging or belt will be required.
4. Exposed underwear will not be allowed.
5. Pajama bottoms will not be allowed.
6. LEGGING GUIDELINES:
  - Leggings may only be worn if no skin is exposed.
  - No shredding/splits/holes/sheer netting.
  - Dress or top must be worn halfway between the knee and hip (mid-thigh) when wearing leggings.

## Shorts

1. Shorts shall be permitted provided that the shorts are neat and modest in appearance.
2. Length of shorts should be halfway between the knee and hip (mid-thigh).
  3. Biker/spandex shorts may be worn provided the dress or top is halfway between the knee and hip (mid-thigh).

## Other Areas

1. Hats, caps, visors, bandannas, and sunglasses are not permitted during school hours.
2. Tattoos/clothing/accessories that display obscene suggestive language, unacceptable graphics for illegal substances (including alcohol/tobacco/drugs) may not be worn or displayed. This includes anything that is derogatory to any race or religion.
3. Age-appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times.
4. Students are required to wear appropriate shoes to school at all times (no houseshoes).
5. Uniforms that do not meet the dress code are not to be worn to class.
6. Extra curricular activities: coaches of athletic teams may have additional requirements.
7. Any type of clothing/jewelry/etc. which identifies a student as being a member of a gang and/or subversive/unlawful organization is not allowed.

## Procedures

1. When the local school principal and/or teacher(s) feel that a student is in violation of the Board approved school dress code, the local school principal should make every effort to have the parent/guardian and student cooperate and correct the identified dress code violation.

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2. Provided the parent/guardian is unwilling or unable to have the student correct the identified dress code violation, the local school principal may then take appropriate disciplinary action. In all cases, the local school principal shall have the authority to temporarily dismiss students from the regular school setting until such time as the identified dress code violation is corrected. Every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian prior to removing the students from the regular school setting.

### **Exceptions:**

**\*PreK - 4th grade** students may wear tank tops and vary on shirt length that covers leggings. No crop tops will be allowed. Modesty for students should be taken into consideration.

\*Principals, with written approval of the superintendent, may approve exceptions to the above items.

*ALL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING THE DRESS CODE CONSISTENTLY.*