



## SECONDARY DRESS CODE (7-12)

### Acceptable Attire

- Hair should be kept neat, clean, well-groomed, and should not cover the eyes.
- Students should not wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner. (Examples: Clothing that is too tight, too loose, too short, or bare at the sides.)
- Sweaters, hoodies, indoor jackets, or pullovers may be worn over appropriate shirts in classrooms. The hood may not cover the head while inside the building.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn. No undergarment may be seen through shirts, pants, shorts, or dresses.
- If worn, belts must be an appropriate length and fastened around the waist.
- Career Tech classes, physical education, and lab classes may develop additional dress codes to promote safety for all students or to allow for mobility for specific activities.
- With the approval of administration, activity sponsors may establish more restrictive rules for dress and grooming as a prerequisite for membership or participation in specific activities.
- Attire for special days must be pre-approved by administration.
- Student's clothing must not expose skin at the waist/midriff area or excessive skin of the upper torso area. Cleavage must not be exposed. Undergarments must not be visible under any circumstances. Blouses and shirts must be long enough so that when the arm is raised, the midriff does not show.
- Shirt straps must be no less than a credit card in width
- Pant, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist and fit properly. Articles of clothing worn too low, too long, too large, too short, or too loose are not permitted. Skirts, shorts and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in front and back. No slits or leg openings may be above mid-thigh. Leggings/Jeggings may only be worn as an accessory to a dress, skirt, or appropriate top that is at least mid-thigh length in front and back.
- Pajamas, fleece, and athletic shorts are not permitted.
- Clothing, tattoos or paraphernalia promoting activities prohibited by school policies are not allowed. Belongings and garments may not contain offensive or vulgar insignia, obscene language, unacceptable graphics, or illegal substances, including armbands, decals, slogans, controversial writings, or drawings having double or questionable meanings. This includes, but is not limited to, items showing firearms, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, handwritten messages, and/or illustrations which portray controversial and/or extremist groups, gangs, or which otherwise create a hostile and/or offensive learning environment.
- Any item worn which could be considered a weapon or potentially harmful to others, such as spurs, metal wristbands, chains whether around the neck, attached to wallets, etc, may not be worn.
- The following shoes are not permitted: spiked heels, cleated shoes, bedroom shoes, skate shoes, etc...
- Sunglasses, hats, caps, bandanas, sweat bands, and other head wraps, curlers, picks, or other head covering may not be worn to school. Head coverings are not permitted in the school building.
- Headbands or athletic wraps are not permitted.
- Jewelry that could be considered a safety concern should not be worn.
- Purses larger than a folded piece of 8½" X 11" notebook paper are not allowed in classrooms.
- Book bags, travel bags, and athletic carry-on bags are not allowed in classrooms.

*Note: Alexander City Schools will consider reasonable accommodations on a case by case basis in the areas of dress and grooming related to religious affiliations and medical conditions.*