

recognition list, graduation programs, and sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: FREE SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

Citizens in our democracy are guaranteed self-expression under the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States; therefore, in a democratic society one of the basic purposes of education is to prepare students for responsible self-expression.

Student Responsibilities:

- To respect the rights of others and to express disagreement in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others, nor interfere with the orderly education process
- To act in a manner which preserves the dignity of patriotic observances
- To plan for, seek approval of, and conduct activities that are consistent with the objectives of the school

Student Rights:

- To form and express viewpoints through speaking and writing in a manner that is not obscene, slanderous, or libelous
- To affirm identity with the American ideals, i.e., pledging allegiance to the flag
- To refrain from any activities that violate the precept of religion

DRESS CODE

The Attalla City Board of Education promotes an environment where students can dress comfortably. Proper standards of dress and grooming are expected of all students at all times. As a general guideline, any manner of dress deemed inappropriate or disruptive during the scholastic day and/or during the practice for, or performance in, extracurricular activities will not be allowed.

The school administration has the authority to determine whether a student complies with dress code regulations.

The parents/guardians should supervise the manner of a student's dress. Elementary students should be dressed so he/she can participate in all aspects of the total educational program including physical education. Non-compliance with dress code will not be tolerated and will be handled accordingly by administration. When applicable, a student's parent may be asked to bring different clothing to the school.

This policy shall apply to all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade. Age and size appropriateness may be considered when applying this policy to elementary students; especially in grades K-2. Good grooming and personal appearance are essential elements in the teaching and learning process. It is expected that students shall dress in such a manner that will ensure health, safety, and in accordance with the school code of conduct so that their appearance does not interfere with educational interest and welfare of all students.

1. Halter tops, tops that bare the midriff, tank, see through tops, tops with spaghetti straps, and any top that exposes the shoulders or cleavage are not permitted. Students will be asked to raise their arms to determine if it is appropriate for midriff. Any clothing that exposes undergarments will not be permitted.
2. Caps, hats, sunglasses, or any head covering are not to be worn inside the building, will be taken up by teachers or administrators, and will become property of the school until retrieved by the parent; hoods attached to any clothing cannot be worn inside the building.
3. Curlers, combs, picks, and rakes in hair are not permitted.
4. No offensive writing, symbols, slogans, or pictures are permitted. This includes alcohol advertisements, drug or tobacco references, racial, ethnic, or religious slurs or intolerance, sexual references or innuendo, promotion of violence, promotion of gangs or discrimination.