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Policy 5.19: Dress Code

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A standardized dress code of Autauga County Schools has been adopted to ensure that all students are provided safe and appropriate educational opportunities which are free from unnecessary disruptions or outside influences and to instill in students the need to dress appropriately and have respect for each other and authority. For young people, especially teenagers who are beginning to find their true identities in the middle of peer-pressure and parent prodding, dress is an important issue. For the younger children, lifetime habits of taste and dress are greatly affected by their childhood dressing patterns. This dress code will be strictly enforced in all Autauga County Schools, kindergarten through high school.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the following explanation behind the choice of the standards.

The way a person dresses reflects the way he/she thinks. We want to prepare students for the world of work, and we believe a neat professional appearance is a good habit to develop in the childhood years. Just as students would dress one way for a picnic or ball game, there is an appropriate way to dress for school. A well-groomed student should come to school with an attitude that prepares him/her for neat, conscientious work. His/her attire should give him or her respect for self, fellow students, and teachers.

Students who have questionable or inappropriate dress will not be allowed to attend class. The following items will serve as a minimum guide to acceptable dress for Autauga County School students. Any school modifying the Autauga County School Dress Code must obtain Superintendent approval.

We expect parents to take an active role in supporting our dress code.

The administration of each school shall maintain absolute authority in making subjective judgment concerning a student's dress and personal appearance. Dress code violations will be subject to disciplinary action.

These guidelines serve as a minimum guide. The principal shall have the discretion to outline other appropriate guidelines for their campus for special occasions.

Students in the Autauga County School System shall wear the following:

1. Clothing conducive to learning and respectful of the learning environment;
2. Clothing which fully covers the shoulders, cleavage, abdomen, and back.
3. Clothing that is appropriate to the student's size.
4. Pants/jecks should fit at the natural waistline.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times and be appropriate for the activity and safety: class, gym, shop, etc.
6. Skirts and dresses no more than two inches above the knee.
7. Shorts that are mid-thigh.
8. Leggings may be worn with a shirt that is fingertip length.
9. Ear piercings are allowed. Earrings, hairstyles, facial piercings and other adornments that draw attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process or pose a safety risk are also prohibited.
10. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and not visible.

Students are prohibited from wearing the following:

1. See-through, cropped and/or revealing clothing or spandex.
2. Open or chain belts, belt buckles not buckled, electronic belts or buckles, or cap "fish hooks."
3. No hats, caps, head coverings, hair curlers, picks, chopsticks, bandanas, head scarves, head dressings, or sun glasses will be worn in school.

Pants/slacks with the appearance of sagging.

5.

Bottoms including pants/slacks/jeans exposing skin more than 2 inches above the knee.

6.

House shoes/slippers are inappropriate unless approved by the school administration.

7.

Clothing depicting unacceptable and/or inappropriate decals, slogans, or pictures; profanity; language containing or referring to suggestive or immoral behavior; gang activity; alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.

8.

Any clothing and/or headgear which directly or by innuendo disrespects (or is perceived to disrespect) a student's race, color, religion, gender, national origin, or disability and/or creates, supports, or promotes a hostile learning environment contrary to the anti-harassment policies of the Board of Education (including negative feelings, disharmony, racial or religious discord, intimidation, embarrassment and/or fear).

9.

Trench coats or Matrix coats, pajamas, blankets or stuffed animals shall not be worn at school or brought to school.

10.

Students are prohibited from wearing any sign, symbol, logo, color or garment, which has become synonymous with any gang, or unauthorized club or organizational activity.

11.

Shoes with wheels are prohibited.

12.

Students are prohibited from wearing any metal chains, metal spiked apparel or accessories that may pose a safety risk.

13.

Tattoos, insignias, and buttons which promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, vulgarities, violence, illegal activity or are demeaning to other persons may not be worn at school.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade:

1.

Students should not wear clothing that they can not maneuver themselves.

2.

No dangling jewelry.

3.

No slides or backless shoes.

Exceptions may be made to any of the above when physical or other circumstances warrant or for certain groups during performances or special activities as authorized by the administration.