

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12

The Coffee County Schools sincerely encourage all parents and students to be aware that dress and personal appearance influence the image and attitude that others have of them as individuals. Therefore, all parents and students should consider reasonable judgment, tact, and decency in making their selections of clothes for school. The school administration shall maintain authority in making subjective judgment concerning a student's dress and personal appearance. Exceptions may be made by the administrator to any of these circumstances when warranted or for certain groups during performance or special activities. **The following types of clothing will be considered inappropriate:**

***Clothing that is skin-tight or revealing, such as:**

Provocative, backless, cut-out, low-cut clothing; one-shoulder tops, strapless clothing, shoulderless shirts, halters, spaghetti straps, tank tops, exposed undergarments, open-side shirts, mesh clothing, cut-off or midriff shirts, cut-off shorts, low-riders or sagging pants which expose underclothing or skin; pajama pants, bike pants, sweat pants/shorts, athletic shorts without pockets, "soffe" shorts, scrubs, clothing with holes that is designed to expose parts of the body, leggings, tights, and yoga pants, etc. (outer layer must meet length requirement).

***Clothing/Accessories that promote inappropriate themes, such as:**

Clothing that provokes inflammatory or racial remarks, gang/cult membership, or advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or gangs; clothing with decals or slogans that contain and/or refer to provocative, indecent, or offensive behavior or profanity; bandannas.

***Clothing/Accessories that create a distraction to the learning environment, such as:**

Sunglasses (except for medical reasons), caps, hats, or other head coverings; hair styles or colors, and/or makeup that causes distractions.

***Clothing/Accessories that create a safety hazard or are unsafe, such as:**

Caps, hats, or other head coverings; body piercings such as nose, tongue, belly, or eyebrow rings; and any other jewelry that may create a safety hazard.

Additional guidelines:

- A student standing erect with arms positioned at sides must be able to touch the fabric of his/her garment with the middle finger. If the fabric cannot be touched, the student is in violation of the dress code.
- A student standing erect with arms extended to shoulder height or a student seated should not reveal flesh.
- If uniforms are worn to class during the school day, they must meet the dress code requirements.
- Use of book bags is based on school policy and the age of the students.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and shoe laces must be tied.
- Unisex or polo shirts must be tucked in by all students.
- Male students must wear shirttails tucked in.
- If clothing has belt loops, a belt must be worn.

***The penalty for violation of the dress code is listed in the Code of Conduct as a Class I violation. Repeated offenses can be considered as defiance of authority.**