

## DRESS CODE

The policy of the Decatur City Board of Education is that good grooming and personal appearance are essential elements in the teaching and learning processes. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will ensure their health and safety while at school. Furthermore, a student's dress and personal appearance may not be disruptive or interfere with the legitimate interest and welfare of the students.

Students should comply with the following guidelines:

1. Students must be neatly dressed, clean and well groomed while at school.
2. Shoes or sandals must be worn.
3. Hair must be clean, neatly styled and well groomed, not in the eyes and not of length dangerous around equipment.
4. Clothing or body art (tattoos) with pictures, writing, and/or symbols promoting the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual activity, weapons, gang or hate groups, violence, or that may be otherwise offensive shall be considered disruptive of the educational process and is therefore prohibited.
5. Shorts, skirts, etc., may be worn that are consistent with the intent of this policy and that are considered appropriate attire.
6. Undershirts alone are not acceptable.
7. With approval of the principal, activity sponsors may establish different rules for dress and grooming as a prerequisite for membership and participation in the activity.
8. Hats or other headwear and sunglasses are not to be worn inside a building during the school day unless approved by the school administration.
9. Clothing, paraphernalia, or devices which are judged to be related to, or associated with hate groups or gang affiliation activity are prohibited.
10. Students shall not wear or have in possession any jewelry, ornaments, or accessories that distract from the educational process or that might be used as a weapon or pose a safety hazard. This includes objects for body piercing in the face, body or tongue.

Any students violating the dress code may be suspended for the remainder of the school day and may receive unexcused absences in the classes missed. The principal or his/her designated person(s) has the authority to determine what constitutes a violation of the dress code.