

DRESS CODE

Students' appearance should be neat and clean. Dress and appearance which cause disruption of the educational process or present health or safety problems shall not be permitted. Articles of clothing with offensive, suggestive, obscene, or disruptive patches, slogans, symbols, or other print material shall be prohibited. Such prohibited items include: slogans, patches, or advertisements which promote alcoholic beverages and/or other harmful or illegal substances; items associated with gang affiliation or activity; and items that promote racial divisiveness.

The Board strongly believes that it is the responsibility of students and parents or guardians to use reason, good judgment, and common decency in the choice of dress and physical grooming in the school setting. Generally, dress and appearance are the responsibility of parents; however, no student has the right to dress or appear in such a manner that disrupts the teaching/learning process.

When the dress or appearance of a student disrupts the teaching-learning process, the principal has the authority to take disciplinary action.

1. Students' appearance should be neat and clean.
2. All slacks, shorts, and skirts, including jeans, must fit properly. They must neither be too big nor too tight. Skin tight pants are not permitted. Slacks, shorts, and skirts must be worn appropriately at the waistline.
3. Clothes must be clean and in good repair.
4. The acceptable length for shorts, skirts, dresses, jumpers, and skirts is half-way between hip and knee.
5. Both straps on overalls and jumpers must be buckled or snapped. Overalls and jumpers must fit and be worn properly at the waist. No underwear, underclothes, or midriffs may be exposed. T-shirts worn under overalls and jumpers are permitted.
6. Images, pictures, symbols, and messages suggestive of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, sex, or any other inappropriate material are prohibited on all clothing items.
7. Items which promote racial divisiveness are prohibited.
8. Hats, caps, visors, scarves, and sunglasses are not permitted in school during school hours.
9. Bathing suits, pajamas, bicycle shorts (worn alone or under other shorts), short-shorts, and mini-skirts are inappropriate.

10. Nose rings and other body piercing articles, unnatural hair colors, sparkles, glitter and inappropriate makeup are not acceptable. Appropriate earrings are acceptable.
11. Leggings may be worn if the tunic is the acceptable length, half-way between hip and knee. Leggings may not be worn with T-shirts or oversized shirts.
12. The neckline of tops must not be cut low.
13. Spaghetti straps or tank tops with small straps may not be worn unless a shirt with sleeves is worn over them.
14. Half shirts and short shirts are not permitted. Midriffs may not be exposed.
15. Underwear may not show. T-shirts are an exception.
16. Boys shirts must have sleeves and must fit properly.

Principals may approve exceptions to the above.

All teachers shall be responsible for applying the dress code consistently.

The Fayette County Board of Education considers this code to be conducive to rather than restrictive of the educational process of 7-12 students.

Procedures

1. When the local school principal and/or teacher(s) feel that a student is in violation of the Board's officially approved local school dress code, the local school principal should make every effort to have the parent or guardian and student to cooperatively correct the identified dress code violation.
2. Provided the parent or guardian is unwilling or unable to have the student correct the identified dress code violation, the local school principal then may take appropriate disciplinary action. In all cases, the local school principal shall have the authority to temporarily dismiss students from school until such time as the identified dress code violation is corrected. Every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian prior to dismissing students from school for any purpose.
3. So that the recommendations for dress and physical appearance will be consistent among the different levels (elementary, junior high, and senior high), a joint student-parent-faculty committee