- c. Failure to appear at the Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program conference shall result in the filing of a complaint / petition for truancy against the student and / or parents / guardians whichever is appropriate.
- 4. Seventh Truancy/unexcused absence:

File complaint / petition against the student or parents / guardians whichever is appropriate (parents/guardians will go to court).

5. Ten Excused Absences:

Students who accumulate Ten Excused Absences may also be required to attend Early Warning Truancy Prevention Programs. This action will require prior approval of the principal and the attendance clerk.

## **DRESS CODE**

The Board and administration recognize the importance of personal rights and privileges of each individual student in the school system. However, the Board equally recognizes that individual rights stop where the rights of the group (the school) begin and no student has the right to dress or appear in such a manner that becomes disruptive to the teaching learning process.

The Board strongly believes 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.

Therefore, the following dress and appearance standards are applicable in all schools of the School System. Local school personnel are expected to enforce the standards with firmness and fairness in an effort to foster the orderly operation of the schools. The standards are as follows:

- Head coverings, and sunglasses must be removed and placed in the locker or designated area and remain during the school day, except for a medical purpose, unless it is a special dress-up day. Hoodies must be worn DOWN at all times during the school day.
- 2. No hairstyle, body piercing, clothing, or other article which is disruptive to the learning environment or which identifies a student as being a member of a gang or any subversive or unlawful organization will be allowed.
- 3. Jewelry that may be considered safety hazards (such as nose rings) may not be worn in any visibly pierced areas of the body.
- 4. Students are to wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed. No clothing shall be worn inside out; suspenders/braces shall be fastened and belts buckled. Pants must be worn at the waist and may not be excessively baggy or sag excessively in such a way as to reveal any type of undergarment or flesh. Pants may not have writing or graphics on area of the buttocks. Tops must be long enough to tuck in and stay tucked in. School administration may require that coats be removed upon entering the building.
- 5. Sun dresses and backless dresses or tops cannot be worn to school.
- 6. Cut-off tops, tank tops, and mesh tops can be worn if a T-shirt with sleeves is worn underneath or another shirt is worn over the top.
- 7. Students must wear proper undergarments.
- 8. Halter tops, tube tops and midriff tops are not allowed. Midriffs, sides, and bust lines must be covered.
  - 9. Bracelets, belts, and other clothing and accessories with spikes, studs, or chains are not allowed.
  - 10. Insignias, buttons, and clothing which are suggestive of wine, beer, whiskey, tobacco, vulgarities and violence, or drug-related, or are demeaning to other persons may not be allowed.
  - 11. Jeans and other articles of clothing must be clean with absolutely no rips, holes, or ravels in jeans, slacks, or shorts above the knee.
  - 12. Sweat pants and jogging pants are allowed as long as they are properly fitted. Leggings may be only worn if shirt covers the hips.