

The importance of an effective Dress Code Policy

The Tuscaloosa City Board of Education recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming have upon the behavior and commitment to learning of all students. It further recognizes the vital role parents play in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories and personal appearance for a successful school experience.

In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board requires all students to make good choices with regard to their personal appearance.

Attire considered disruptive, that seriously distracts from the learning environment, or that could present a health or safety problem is not appropriate in an educational setting.

Dress for Success Every Day!



To Our Parents and Students

Thank you for working with us to ensure a safe and secure educational environment that is free from distractions based on grooming and clothing issues. If you have questions about specific items of clothing and whether they are appropriate for school wear, please contact your principal, assistant principal or guidance counselor for additional assistance.



For Additional Information

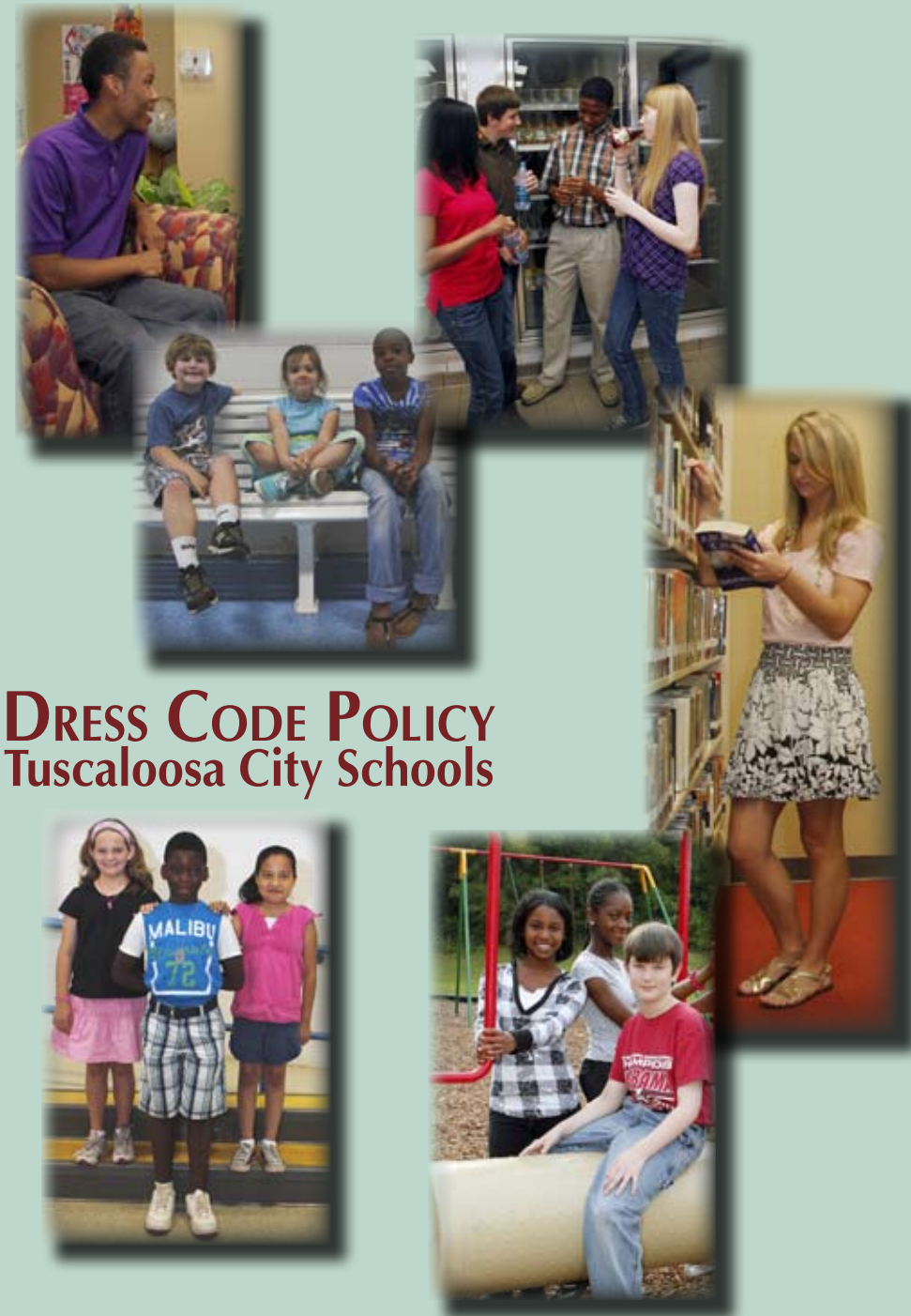
Contact Your School Principal

or

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Our Students Dress for Success



DRESS CODE POLICY Tuscaloosa City Schools

TUSCALOOSA CITY SCHOOLS

Dress for Success at School this year

To assist our students to Dress for Success, the Board has adopted the following mandatory rules concerning dress and grooming:

1. Clothing appearance or personal hygiene and grooming practices that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student is considered inappropriate for school. The dress and or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process or safety of other students in Tuscaloosa City Schools.
2. Shirts and blouses should be tucked into pants and or skirts if they are designed to be tucked in. No oversized tops may be worn. Pants must be worn at waist and may not be oversized, too tight or allowed to sag. Undergarments must not be exposed. Pant legs must be uniform length and may not drag on the floor. Belts must be worn with pants with belt loops. No pajamas or sleepwear are allowed.
3. Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner. Examples: clothing which is too tight, too short, bare at the midriff, bare at sides, sun dresses or other “spaghetti strap” type tops, off the shoulder tops, low cut fronts or back tops, sheer or see through clothing. Undergarments should be worn in an appropriate manner and should not be visible.
4. Students may wear shorts to school under the following stipulations: Shorts must be hemmed. Old worn/torn or other type cut offs, gym or nylon type, spandex, sweat type, tennis, swim suit type shorts are not allowed.
5. Length of shorts, dresses, skirts and including tops worn over leggings/jeggings shall be no more than five inches above mid-knee. Length must be appropriate whether the student is standing or sitting.
6. Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the learning environment; Facial and or tongue jewelry is not allowed for males and females. Students are not to wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel or accessories.
7. T-shirts or any type clothing or personal items bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug related slogans and any other wording, drawing, pictures etc. which in any way can be interpreted as suggestive, obscene, offensive or depicting violence are not permitted.
8. During the school day, students are not allowed to wear or carry caps, hats, bandannas, sunglasses or other head wear unless for medical or religious purposes.
9. Students are required to wear appropriate and safe shoes at all times. Boots with chains, steel toes or other metal reinforcement as well as shower shoes and bedroom slippers are not allowed.
10. Cheerleader, dance team and all sport uniforms not conforming with dress code policy may not be worn to class. Sports jackets, sweaters, warm up suits that meet dress code policy are acceptable. Any tights/leggings will require a covering that meets the requirements of the dress code policy.

Consequences for violations of the Dress Code Policy

Dress Code violations are outlined in the Student/Parent Resource Guide and Student Code of Conduct as a Class I offense. (1.03 - Nonconformity to Dress Code) In order to ensure consistency in districtwide implementation of the dress code policy, the following procedures will be adhered to in terms of addressing non-compliance:

Elementary Students:

First Violation: Student will be sent to office to change into clothing that complies with dress code. Parent contact and documentation made by the administrator.

Second Violation: Send letter home to be signed

Third Violation: Referral to Counselor for follow-up

Fourth Violation: Suspended Pending Parent Conference

After the 4th violation, the administration may enforce other disciplinary options as outlined in the Class I offense.

Middle & High School Students:

First Violation: Student will be sent to office to change into clothing that complies with dress code. Parent contact and documentation made by an administrator.

Second Violation: The student will be sent to office to change into clothing that complies with dress code and assigned a detention. Parent contact will be made. Student will be required to review dress code policy requirements while assigned to detention. Counselor will meet with student to discuss dress code violation.

Third Violation: The student will be assigned to In School Intervention until in compliance with dress code policy.

Fourth Violation: Student will be suspended pending parent conference at which time dress code expectations will be reviewed. After the 4th violation, the administration may enforce other disciplinary options as outlined in the Class I offense.