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.

Dress Code Policy
Tuscaloosa City Schools

For Additional Information
Contact Your School Principal
or
Director of Student Services
Tuscaloosa City Board of Education
1210 21st Avenue
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 759-3503

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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. (1.05 - Noncomformity 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.