

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-12

The Coffee County Schools sincerely encourage all parents and students to be aware that dress and personal appearance influence the image and attitude that others have of them as individuals. Therefore, all students should consider reasonable judgment, tact and decency in making their selection of clothes for school. The school administration shall maintain authority in making subjective judgment concerning a student's dress and personal appearance. **The following items are inappropriate:**

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| *One-shoulder tops | *Strapless clothing | *Shoulderless shirts | *Halters | *Spaghetti straps |
| *Mesh clothing | *Open-side shirts | *Exposed undergarments | *Bandannas | *Tank tops |
| *Skin-tight or revealing clothing including provocative backless, cut-out, low-cut clothing. | *Garments advertising tobacco, alcohol, drugs or gangs | | | *Cut-off or midriff shirts (to the extent that stomach/back is revealed) |
| *Clothing which provokes inflammatory or racial remarks or gang/cult membership | *Clothing with decals or slogans that contain and/or refer to provocative, indecent, or offensive behavior or profanity | | | *Low-riders or sagging pants which expose underclothing or skin. Pants must be worn at the waist. |
| *Pajama pants, bike pants, sweat pants, "Soffe" shorts, scrubs | *Athletic/P.E. clothing outside the P.E. classroom (pants without zipper) | | | *Clothing with holes that is designed to expose parts of the body |
| *Clothes with tears, holes, rips or cut-offs | *Clothing that is tattered or torn in appearance | | | *Rompers must meet length requirement |
| *Leggings/ – outer layer must meet length requirement | *Heelys (shoes with rollers) or house shoes (slippers) | | | *Picks, combs, rollers in hair |
| *Body piercing such as nose, tongue, belly rings, eyebrow, and any other jewelry that may create a safety hazard | *Hair styles or colors and/or makeup that cause distractions | | | *Sunglasses (inside building, except for medical reasons) |
| | *Jeggings | | | |
| *Decorative contact lenses | *Caps, hats or other head coverings | | | |

Additionally:

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| *A student standing erect with arms positioned at sides must be able to touch the fabric of his/her garment with the middle finger. If the fabric cannot be touched, the student is in violation of the dress code because of the short length of the garment. | *A student standing erect with arms extended to shoulder height or a student seated should not reveal flesh. |
| *If uniforms are worn to class during the day, they must meet the dress code requirements. | *Permanent markers are prohibited. |
| *School-sponsored warm-up suits may be worn the day of an event by a member participating in the event. | *Use of book bags is based on school policy and the age of the students. |
| | *Male students must wear shirttails tucked in. |
| *Shoes must be worn at all times and shoe laces must be tied. | |
| *Unisex or polo shirts must be tucked in by <u>all</u> students. | *If clothing has belt loops, a belt must be worn |

Exceptions may be made by the principal to any of the above when physical or other circumstances warrant or for certain groups during performances or special activities as authorized by the principal.

***The penalty for violation of the dress code is listed in the Code of Conduct as a Class I violation.**