

DALE COUNTY SCHOOLS DRESS CODE POLICY

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a learning environment and a school setting. Health, safety, decency, and the prevention of distractions were the primary concerns in the development of the dress code for the Dale County Schools.

Failure to comply with the guidelines will result in penalties ranging from warning to suspension. In addition, the student will be required to come into compliance before being allowed to attend class or classes.

No code or policy can be all-inclusive. There may be a situation that arises, which is not covered in this code. In these situations, the principal or his/her designee will deal with these on an individual basis.

Students **will not** be allowed to wear the following clothing articles or styles to school or engage in certain dress practices:

Pants: (Boys and Girls)

1. All pants (including shorts and skirts) will be worn appropriately.
2. If pants have belt loops, belts will be worn. There will be NO sagging.
3. No sweat pants, wind suits are permissible.
4. Pajama style pants are not allowed.
5. Pants with tears or holes are not allowed.
6. Pants with writing on the seat is not permissible.

Shorts/Shirts/Skorts:

1. Shorts worn at mid thigh are permissible in grades K-6, but there is to be no writing on the seat.
2. No shorts will be allowed in grades 7-12. (Boys and Girls)
3. Knee-length skirts and skorts are permissible.

Shirts/Tops/Sweaters:

For safety reasons, pants, shorts, and skirt pockets must be visible. Shirrtails must be tucked into pants, shorts, or skirts.

The following types of shirts or tops are not allowed:

1. Shirts or tops that expose the midriiffs when arms are fully extended above the students' head.
2. Sleeveless shirts or tops for male students.
3. Shirts, tops, or sweaters worn by female students that expose undergarment or are immodest.
4. Strapless tops, mesh tops, spaghetti strap tops, tanks tops, immodestly tight or revealing tops.

Symbols/Pictures/Wording/Tattoos:

Clothing, tattoos, or jewelry, which contains profane or immoral words or drawings, references to drugs, alcohol, gangs, tobacco products, or any type of distracting or disruptive comments or symbols, are not allowed.

Jewelry/Accessories:

1. Facial or tongue jewelry is not allowed.
2. Earring or studs are not allowed to be worn by male students.
3. Dog collars, chains, bracelets with studs or spikes, long and/or heavy necklaces are not allowed.
4. Jewelry in the mouth or on the teeth, unless prescribed by a physician.