

Dothan City Schools

DRESS CODE

It is the policy of the Board of Education that good grooming and personal appearance are essential, if not critical, elements in the teaching and learning process. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will ensure the health and safety of the school. Furthermore, the dress and personal appearance will not be disruptive or interfere with the legitimate interest and welfare of students. Students are also expected to choose their clothes in good taste, wearing only those clothes, which are appropriate for the educational environment.

All students are expected to comply with the Dress Code. This will include any school sponsored activities on and off campus. For compelling reason, such as medical requirements, the principal or superintendent, may at their discretion, review an individual situation to determine whether a modification of a provision is required for the health and safety of a particular student or other compelling reason.

The School Administration will judge the appropriateness of any "fad" or questionable article of apparel.

I. HEALTH and SAFETY

- A. Students will not wear dark glasses inside the school building, unless required to do so for medical reasons pursuant to doctor's written orders.
- B. Hair should be clean and out of the student's eyes. Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate.
Unnatural hair coloring that causes a distraction in the learning environment is prohibited (purple, blue, green, etc).
- C. Body piercing jewelry is restricted to ears only for boys and girls.
- D. No "grills/grillz" on campus or at school sponsored activities.
- E. No binding pant legs or any other article of clothing.

II. COMMON COURTESY

- A. No hats, caps, hoods, or head coverings in the building.
- B. No bandannas on campus or at school sponsored activities.

III. DECENCY and MODESTY

- A. **No decals, slogans, or sayings on clothing and/or personal items that contain references to illegal or immoral behaviors. Decals, slogans, or sayings that advertise alcohol, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, weapons, gangs, or tobacco products are not allowed. Anything that promotes racial division or violence is not allowed.**
- B. No lewd or vulgar sayings on clothing and/or personal items will be allowed.

- C. Belts and pants must be worn and fastened at the waist. This includes athletic clothing. Shirt tails must be tucked in.
- D. Students will not be allowed to wear clothing and/or have any personal items on campus that is part of an organizational initiation.
- E. Any other improper or indecent clothing or personal item which in the discretion of the building principal is indecent, immodest, distracting, or constitutes a danger.

Any student who fails to dress appropriately will not be allowed to attend class until proper clothes can be secured. If necessary, Parent/Guardian will be called to bring clothes to school. Until proper clothing can be secured, the student will be referred to In-School Suspension and will be responsible for all class work missed. Nonconformity to the Dress Code is a Class I offense of the Code of Student Conduct.

The administration, faculty, and students will enforce regulations governing campus dress and grooming.

This dress code policy will cover all school sponsored activities whether on or off campus. This dress code will be strictly enforced, and will include the following:

- A. No see-through shirts, blouses, or pants, no clothes that bare the midriff or sides. Sun dresses and backless dresses will not be allowed.
- B. No decals, slogans, or sayings on clothing and/or personal items that contain references to illegal or immoral behaviors. Decals, slogans, or sayings that advertise alcohol, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, weapons, gangs, or tobacco products are not allowed. Anything that promotes racial division or violence is not allowed.**
- C. No lewd or vulgar sayings on clothing and/or personal items will be allowed.
- D. No short-shorts, jogging shorts, or skintight shorts are allowed.
- E. **Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Slits, tears, or holes and any other clothing item cannot be located any higher than 2 inches above the knee.**
- F. **Belts and pants must be worn and fastened at the waist. This includes athletic clothing. Shirt tails must be tucked in.**
- G. Proper undergarments must be worn with all clothing and **MUST NOT BE VISIBLE.**
- H. Clothing shall not be so tight as to be too revealing or so loose as to be inappropriate.
- I. Overalls must be worn with the straps buckled over the shoulders, with the sides buttoned up.
- J. Students will not be allowed to wear clothing and/or have any personal items on campus that is part of an organizational initiation.
- K. **Any other improper or indecent clothing or personal item which in the discretion**