

## **Elmore County Schools DRESS CODE**

The Board is aware that personal dress and appearance constitute individual expression, and within certain limits, wishes to allow students the freedom to express themselves in their own unique manner. The faculty and administration of each school shall encourage all students to be aware that dress and personal appearance may, in a very real manner, influence the image and attitude others have on the student as an individual. Therefore, the Board shall require each student to consider reasonable judgment, tact, and decency in the selection of clothes for school and personal appearance.

**The administration of each school shall maintain absolute authority in making subjective judgment concerning a student's dress and personal appearance. Dress code violations will be dealt with according to the Elmore County Code of Conduct. (Class II Offense BW)**

In general, all students must dress appropriately for school. Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems or cause disruptions.

**Students in the Elmore County School System shall wear the following:**

1. Clothing conducive to learning, and respectful of the learning environment
2. Clothing which covers the shoulders, cleavage, abdomen, and back
3. Clothing that is appropriate to student's size
4. Pants/slacks at the natural waistline
5. Shoes appropriate for the activity and safety: class, gym, shop, etc.
6. Shorts, skirts, and dresses no more than two inches above the knee

**Students are prohibited from wearing the following:**

1. Sunglasses in the building except with a doctor's prescription
2. See-through, skintight, spandex and/or revealing clothing
3. Open or chain belts, belt buckles not buckled, electronic belts or buckles, or cap "fish hooks"
4. Unfastened overalls
5. Pants/slacks with the appearance of sagging
6. Hats, caps, headgear, and any other head cover in the buildings on campus
7. Curlers, picks, combs, or chop sticks
8. Bandannas or sashes anywhere as a part of dress
9. Excessively frayed or torn clothing or clothing with holes above the knee
10. House shoes/slippers are inappropriate unless approved by the school administration
- 11. Clothing depicting unacceptable and/or inappropriate decals, slogans, or pictures: profanity; language containing or referring to suggestive or immoral behavior; gang activity; alcohol, drugs, or tobacco**

12. Any clothing and/or headgear which directly or by innuendo disrespects (or is perceived to disrespect) a student's race, color, religion, gender, national origin, or disability and/or creates, supports, or promotes a hostile learning environment contrary to the anti-harassment policies of the Board of Education (including negative feelings, disharmony, racial or religious discord, intimidation, embarrassment and/or fear)
13. Trench coats or Matrix coats shall not be worn at school.  
Exceptions may be made to any of the above when physical or other circumstances warrant or for certain groups during performances or special activities as authorized by the administration.