

DRESS CODE POLICY

State educational authorities and recent court decisions have determined that style of dress and hair should not disrupt classes, interfere with learning, prevent instruction, and should comply with state health and safety standards. The Guntersville City Schools believe that requiring neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness in clothing encourages an atmosphere conducive to learning, work, and discipline. Students are required to dress in a way that is appropriate for school. Parents/guardians are expected to monitor students' dress. The principal or his designee is the final authority in determining deviation from the established dress policy. These are guidelines to be followed:

1. **Students must not wear clothing that reveals the body in an appropriate manner.**
 - A. No tops exposing midriff; open-back blouses or dresses; cleavage-revealing tops or dresses; tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, and tank tops.
 - B. Female shirt straps must be no less than 3" in width.
 - C. Minimum length of shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no less than 4 inches above the top of the knee cap. This includes the length of gym shorts worn in the classroom.
 - D. No clothing with holes exposing skin above appropriate short length.
 - E. No clothing designed as undergarments. This includes, but is not limited to, boxer shorts, muscles shirts, see-through clothing, and pajamas.
 - F. Leggings do not negate the length of shorts, skirts, and dress requirements.
2. **Students should not wear clothing or accessories that are distractive or impede the educational process of all students.**
 - A. Clothing must not display antisocial, immoral, or illegal behavior. This includes emblems depicting gangs, satanic images, violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, mutilation, and language that may be considered obscene or vulgar.
 - B. No sagging or low-rider pants. Excessively large shirts do not negate the "no sagging" rule. Pants must be worn at the natural waistline. A belt should be worn if needed.
 - C. Clothing with writing on the seat of the garment is not allowed.
 - D. No exposed underwear.
 - E. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. House slippers are not acceptable.
 - F. No hooded sweatshirts, hats, caps, toboggans, bandanas, or other head coverings except as sanctioned for special activities.
 - G. No sunglasses.
 - H. Visible body piercing is not permitted. This includes piercings of the eyebrow, nose, lip and tongue. Visible spacers for piercings will not be allowed. Earrings cannot be excessive or create safety or health hazards, and may not be worn during sports and PE activities. Principal may use discretion for final determination.
 - I. Tattoos of inappropriate content must be covered at all times while students are on school property and/or in attendance at school-sponsored activities.
 - J. Hair must be worn in a manner that does not impair vision. Hairstyles and makeup that are disruptive to the normal school day are not allowed. Extreme hair color/styles that create a disruptive or distraction to the learning environment are not allowed.
 - K. No attire considered disruptive or possibly presenting a health or safety problem will be allowed. Examples include metal chains, metal spiked apparel, trench coats, etc.
 - L. Clothing or grooming practices that are distractive or disruptive to the learning environment when judged by community standards, will be deemed inappropriate for school.

Any student in violation of the dress code will be required to change. Time missed from classes will be unexcused. Disregard for the dress code will lead to disciplinary action according to the Guntersville City Schools' Code of Conduct. The principal or his designee has the final decision regarding dress.

CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT / DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Code of Conduct Statement

Recognizing the individual rights of all students to a quality education, it is the duty of the Guntersville City Board of Education to provide students within its district a school environment conducive to learning. The Guntersville City Board of Education has established a Student Conduct Policy to preserve and protect the individual rights of all students, and to encourage and enforce the exercise of these rights within the framework of an orderly, efficient, and quality educational program.