

Madison City Schools

Dress Requirements for All Grades. Students shall not wear clothes or decorate or adorn themselves in school such that they display immodesty, unduly attract attention to the human form, or tend to cause disruption. All students must comply with the following guidelines:

1. Students must be neatly dressed, clean, well groomed, and practice good personal hygiene.
2. Shoes or sandals must be worn and properly laced or fastened. Foot apparel determined to be dangerous or a safety hazard may not be worn.
3. Hair must be clean and sanitary and worn so that it does not impair vision and is not considered unsafe or hazardous and styled and colored in such a manner that would not cause a distraction/disruption.
4. **Clothing must not include pictures, writings, symbols, etc., promoting, acknowledging, or suggesting drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, sexual activities or anything of a sexual nature, gangs, groups, individuals, or activities that would be considered potentially dangerous, disruptive, or hazardous to the student, to other students, or to the school environment. Tattoos with pictures, writings, symbols etc. prohibited by this paragraph must be kept covered by the student's clothing, and not otherwise displayed in the overall school environment during any activity.**
5. Students in a classroom or participating in other indoor activity will remove outer garments normally intended for outdoor wear. Garments to be removed include overcoats, trench coats, bulky and/or oversized jackets or oversized pullovers. Garments that equate to a lightweight windbreaker or sweater are permissible. Parents and students should assure that student attire provides for adequate comfort indoors without the wearing of outdoor garments.
6. Prohibited items of clothing include, but are not limited to, off-the-shoulder tops, tank tops, halters, sheer or see-through clothing, clothing with holes or other exposure above the knees. Over-the-shoulder straps must have a minimum width of one and one-half inches. Generally, the hem or cuff of skirts or shorts should not be higher than four inches above the knee of the wearer, depending on the size and height of the child, and appropriate proportionately, as determined in the discretion of the Principal.
7. Apparel that does not reveal the body in an inappropriate manner must be worn, e.g., clothing must not be too tight, too short, or bare at the midriff or sides. Clothing, trousers, or shorts which are excessively baggy and/or which are worn so as to expose underwear or body above or below the waist, and/or which drag on the floor will not be permitted. Oversized shirts are not permitted unless tucked in.
8. Hats, caps, and other head coverings shall not be worn in school.
9. Sunglasses and bandanas shall not to be worn in school or on school buses.

D. Dress requirements for Grades 10 through 12. In addition to the above, students in grades 10 through 12 will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Athletic shorts, sweat pants, and track or wind suits shall not be worn to school.
2. With the approval of the Principal, student participants of scheduled school-sponsored activities, e.g., dance team, cheerleaders, drama class, etc., may dress in a manner that does not conform to the dress code as long as the dress is consistent with the traditional uniform or costume of the activity.