

## **Piedmont City Schools**

### **GROOMING AND DRESS CODE**

The rights and privileges of individual students in the school system are important; however, the Board equally recognizes that individual rights stop where group rights begin. No student has a right to dress or appear in a manner that's disruptive of the teaching-learning process. Personal appearance or attire that interferes with the instructional program or creates a health hazard is not acceptable.

The principal has the authority to decide whether clothing or appearance is disruptive. No clothing that is racially or sexually insensitive, or that promotes an illegal substance will be allowed. No clothing that shows a student's midriff is allowed. Shirts must have enough sleeves to cover the shoulder. Shirts should fall below the beltline. Shorts and skirts must be mid thigh in length. Miniskirts, mini-culottes, bike shorts, short-shorts, muscle shirts, tank tops, and spaghetti-strapped blouses are not allowed. Pants that are larger than the regular size of the student (sagging) are not allowed. Hats may not be worn on in the building. Shoes must be worn at all times. Students are not allowed to wear clothing that shows obscene or profane language in written form, in pictures, or caricatures. Unnatural hair colors such as green, orange, pink, blue, purple, etc. are not allowed. "Mohawk" hairstyles are considered disruptive by the administration, and are not allowed at Piedmont High/Piedmont Middle Schools. Nose and eyebrow piercing is not allowed at Piedmont High/Middle Schools. Individual schools with advice from parents and students will develop helpful guidelines for appropriate dress at the respective schools. It will be left to the discretion of the administration to determine when clothing or appearance is inappropriate. Sunglasses may not be worn at Piedmont High/Middle School.