

## Pike County Schools

### DRESS CODE INFORMATION

The board is aware that personal dress and appearance constitute an 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 come to assume of the student as an individual.

Therefore, the Board shall require each student to consider reasonable judgments, tact, and decency in the selection of clothes for school and personal appearance. The administration of each school shall maintain authority in making subjective judgments concerning a student's dress and personal appearance.

The following guidelines are enforced for the health and well-being of all students:

- a. Footwear of some kind must be worn. Cleats, skate shoes, bedroom slippers and taps are not permitted in buildings. Laces must be tied appropriately.
- b. Hats of any type are prohibited on all school property and on school buses during the school day, except on special occasions with the principal's permission ("Spirit" Day, dress-up day, field day). Special permission may be granted to students who because of medical reasons may need to wear a hat, cap, or other head apparel.
- c. Students may not wear rollers in their hair to school.
- d. Sunglasses are not permitted.
- e. **Any clothing with an obscene message, encouraging chemical dependency, or advertising tobacco or alcoholic beverages, or which contains racially insensitive language or symbols is not permitted.**
- f. The display of "colors" or gang-related paraphernalia, real or implied, is prohibited. This includes a bandanna, handkerchief, wristband, headband, or any other item which serves as a symbol for students belonging to a group which is not school-sanctioned.
- g. Shorts/skorts/skirts will be permitted but must be worn in good taste. This clothing must not be so tight or short as to be offensive. As a general rule, shorts/skorts/skirts must extend no higher than three inches above the knee. The school administration shall be the final authority in determining what is acceptable in these cases.
- h. Extremes are not permitted. Some examples are:
  1. Swim-wear
  2. Bare chests or abdomen showing (crop-tops), Clothing tops which expose the abdomen when the arms are raised are unacceptable.
  3. Clothing with holes that are designed to inappropriately expose parts of the body
  4. Underwear worn as outer clothing
  5. Muscle shirts without fitted arms
  6. Tank tops or spaghetti straps
  7. Footless tights or leggings may only be worn under approved outer garments. Tops to cover leggings should be dress length.
  8. Sweat pants
  9. Jogging pants without approved tops or which are tightly fitted
  10. Biking shorts
  11. Cut-off jeans, cut-off sweat pants, or jogging shorts

12. Mini-skirts - measured in the same manner as shorts/skorts
  13. Any excessively tight fitting attire and sleeveless clothing tops. Undergarments will not be exposed.
  14. Pants worn loose and low on the hips (sagging).
  15. Wearing of clothing wrong side outwards.
  16. Shirt tails must be worn tucked in.
- i. Any article of clothing or jewelry which compromises the safety and health of a student is prohibited.  
Examples:
    1. All belts must be buckled.
    2. Spiked articles or jewelry may not be worn.
    3. Rings must be designed for one finger only.
    4. Clothing or other items which could be expected to interfere with/or possibly cause accident to the student or others, particularly in the operation of equipment, shop machines, or in athletic or other physical activity.
  - j. Students participating in certain instructional areas may be subject to more restrictive dress requirements due to safety concerns.

In general, any garment, apparel, and/or any type of grooming which is so spectacular as to attract undue attention to the wearer, and which would tend to hamper the school in carrying on its regular schedule of activities, distract or disturb classes, interfere with the health of students, or disrupt the learning atmosphere in any way shall not be permissible. This includes any symbol, extra accessories, or ornaments that would be considered provocative, or would tend to promote student unrest as generally perceived.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILING TO ADHERE TO THE DRESS CODE**

First Offense: The student will be sent to office. Upon this referral, parents will be called to either pick up the student, bring clothes for the student to change into, or the student may choose, if available, to wear school provided garments temporarily.

Second Offense: Suspension pending parent conference

Third Offense: Suspension pending parent conference

Additional Offenses: Suspension 3-10 days or ALC assignment 5-10 days.

Under no circumstances will inappropriately dressed students be allowed to remain in school.