

St. Clair County Schools

Student Dress Code

The St. Clair County Board of Education promotes an environment where students can dress comfortably. Proper standards of dress and grooming are expected of all students at all times. As a general guideline, any manner of dress deemed inappropriate or disruptive during the scholastic day and/or during the practice for, or performance in, extra-curricular activities will not be allowed. **The school administration has the authority to determine whether or not a student is in compliance with dress code regulations.**

** Grades K-12 **

Rolling Backpacks or Luggage Bags Are Not Allowed Due to Safety Concerns

**Book Bags and Backpacks shall be properly stored upon entering the school building.
Athletic Bags must be stored in a central location during school hours.**

School Dress Code-Grades K-3

The parents/guardians should supervise the manner of a student's dress. The student should be dressed so he/she can participate in all aspects of the total educational program including physical education. As a guideline for setting limits, please read the dress code rules for middle and high schools.

School Dress Code-Grades 4-12

The parents/guardians should supervise the manner of a student's dress.

- 1) Headgear including, but not limited to hats, caps, headbands, sweatbands, bandanas, visors, do rags, hoods, and sunglasses, must be removed upon entering the school building and shall be properly stored.
- 2) Hair must be clean, combed, and well-groomed. Hair must not be in the eyes of the student or impair his/her vision. Appropriate safety precautions must be observed in all classes. If long hair is a safety hazard, students will receive directions from the teacher/instructor. Eye protection may be required in some classes. Whenever a student's hairstyle becomes a disruptive issue, the principal will address the problem on an individual basis. Etchings in the hair are unacceptable.
- 3) Facial hair must be well-groomed.
- 4) **Insignias, buttons, and clothing that are suggestive (alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vulgarity, nudity, drug related, etc.) are not permitted.**
- 5) Clothing or other items that may inflame racial tension, incite a significant group of students in the student body, and/or depict any form of hatred/disrespect of others shall not be worn.
- 6) Any hairstyle, clothing or pattern of dress or other items that identify a student as being a member of a gang, or could be perceived as a threat or represent a hate or subversive organization are prohibited.
- 7) Bracelets or belts with spikes or studs are not allowed. Chains not exceeding 6" in length will be allowed to connect wallets to clothing.
- 8) No piercing, other than the ear, is acceptable. Jewelry may not be worn by any student when safety factors are an issue. Facial piercings to the nose, eyebrows, tongue or any other part of the body will not be allowed. Band-aids cannot be worn to conceal unauthorized jewelry, and spacers, plugs, etc. used to keep pierced holes open also are not allowed.
- 9) Pants/jeans and other articles of clothing must be clean, with no holes. Pants/jeans must be worn at the natural waistline.
- 10) Revealing garments may not be worn at any time. This type of garment shall include, but not be limited to, short-shorts or cut-off shorts, halters, midriffs (tops that show the midriff), tank tops (tops with less than 1 ½" straps), spaghetti straps, string straps, one shoulder strap, outfits with no back, see-through clothing, or tops with low necklines.

- 11) Students must wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed. Pants/jeans must fit properly and be worn to fit at the waistline with the length no longer than mid-shoe level.
- 12) Over-sized, baggy clothing is prohibited (including shirts).
- 13) Students must wear proper undergarments.
- 14) The length of all articles of clothing, as well as slits in articles of clothing, must be appropriate for school wear and in no instance shorter than 3" above the top of the knee. The principal/designee will determine compliance.
- 15) Shoes must be worn at all times, and shoes designed to be laced must be laced and tied.
- 16) Baggy coats may not be worn inside any school building.
- 17) Shoes may not contain any type of wheel or roller blades.