

Updated Dress Code Information

Friday, May 28, 2010

•I. GROOMING AND DRESS

The Talladega County Board of Education believes that acceptable grooming and dress are essential elements in the teaching and learning process. Students are expected to dress in such a manner that will ensure health and safety and not distract from the learning environment. Dress and personal appearance are not to be disruptive or interfere with the educational interest and welfare of the students or purpose of public school education. Students will not wear any article of clothing or display any insignia or sign that shows disrespect for any person, creed, race, color, sex or nationality. Parents/Guardians are expected to monitor students dress. Students in violation of the dress code will be reported to the principal's office and subject to disciplinary action.

The school administration has the authority to determine whether or not a student's clothing is in compliance with intended dress code.

(I.) MANDATORY DRESS CODE FOR ALL SCHOOLS GRADES 7 - 12, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: CHILDERSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8); DREW MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8); FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL (GRADES 4-12); MUNFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8) AND WINTERBORO SCHOOL (GRADES 5-12).

A. DRESS CODE SHIRT: Solid color pullover or button-up shirt with a collar - no writing or graphics other than 1"x1" logo or approved school logo

- 1. Solid pullover or button-up shirt with a collar. Shirt logos must be small and unobtrusive - approximately the size of a quarter (1" x 1").
- 2. Sleeveless shirts or blouses are not permitted.
- 3. Undergarments should not show through the outer shirt.
- 4. Emblems, graphic designs or logos that show through the outer clothing are prohibited.
- 5. School logo shirts approved by the principal may be in school colors and can have larger logo than 1"x1".
- 6. School logo **t-shirts** are not permitted except on days designated by the principal.
- 7. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in pants. However, administrators may use their discretion as whether to allow certain styles of shirts and blouses to remain un-tucked.

B. PANTS/SKIRTS: Khaki (no green or gray shades of khaki), dark navy, or black pants/skirts only - no writing or graphics other than small and unobtrusive pants label

- 1. Pants must fit properly. "Slacking" will not be tolerated. Pants worn too low, too long or excessively large are not permitted.
- 2. Pants must not be worn too long that drag the floor.
- 3. Pants that are clinging, tight-fitting or excessively large are not permitted.
- 4. Overalls or bellbottoms are not permitted. Slight flare is acceptable.

- 5. No denim material is permitted regardless of color.
- 6. Large, baggy pant pockets, with excessive material, are not permitted.
- 7. Shorts, skirts, jumpers, and dresses should not be worn more than approximately three inches above the top of the knee. (Dresses should have a collar and sleeves)
- 8. No sweatpants of any type; fleece or otherwise, are permitted.

C. BELTS: Solid color black or brown only. Must be solid color (solid trim is acceptable).

- 1. Belts are required. Buckle cannot be larger than a driver's license. Belt must be appropriate length and fastened around the waist.

D. SHOES: Closed-toed shoes must be worn.

- 1. Shoestrings must be tied and/or velcro fastened.
- 2. Students must wear appropriate shoes for physical education classes.
- 3. The following shoes are not permitted: cleated shoes, bedroom shoes, roller skate shoes, or shoes with sharp or protruding objects, e.g., spurs. Shoes must not present a safety risk to students.

E. SWEATERS AND INDOOR JACKETS: (may be worn in the school building)

- 1. Solid color, open front or pullover sweater, vest, sweatshirt. Shirt with collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck must be worn underneath pullover sweaters or sweatshirts. Solid trim on collar or sleeve is acceptable.
- 2. Fleece jackets are acceptable.
- 3. Logos must be small and unobtrusive - approximately the size of a quarter (1" x 1").
- 4. School logo sweaters/jackets approved by principal may be in school colors and have larger logo.

F. COATS

Any color jacket or coat can be worn to school and placed in a locker or designated area. Only approved sweaters and jackets can be worn to class (Reference: Sweaters and Indoor Jackets).

G. The principal may designate days during the school year in which students will be given the opportunity to wear other attire in adherence with the Talladega County Board of Education Dress Code K-12.

H. Students who transfer from other school districts will be given a period of five (5) school days to come into compliance with the dress code.

In addition to the above dress code requirements for Grades 4 -12, students must adhere to the school system's K-12 Grooming and Dress Code requirements.

•(II.) TALLADEGA COUNTY SCHOOLS GROOMING AND DRESS CODE GRADES K-12

Talladega County School System Dress Code K-12

- A. Clothing must be worn conventionally; e.g.-frontside front and backside back.
- B. Pants must fit properly. "Slacking" will not be tolerated. Pants worn too low, too long or excessively large are not permitted.
- C. Belts are required. The buckle can not be larger than a driver's license. Belts must be appropriate length and fastened around the waist.
- D. Shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers and dresses should be hemmed and should not be worn more than approximately three inches above the top of the knee.
- E. T-shirts and other undergarments must not show through outer shirt.
- F. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in however, administrators may use their discretion as whether to allow certain styles of shirts and blouses to be un-tucked.
- G. Closed-toe shoes must be worn. Shoestrings must be tied and/or velcro fastened. Students must wear appropriate shoes for physical education.
- H. **The following are not permitted for students Grade K-12:**
 - 1. Students are prohibited from forms of dress, hairstyle, visible tattoos or other adornments that draw attention to one's self in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process.
 - 2. Sunglasses, hats, headwear or head coverings in the school building (consideration will be given for extreme circumstances).
 - 3. Halters, cropped tops, backless dresses, muscle/tank tops.
 - 4. Clothing must not have cuts, slits or holes (must be patched).
 - 5. Clinging or tight fitting garments.
 - 6. "Hip-hugger" or Low-rise" pants.
 - 7. See through clothing that exposes undergarments.
 - 8. Exposed undergarments.
 - 9. Unbuttoned or open front shirts (unless worn over appropriate clothing as a jacket).
 - 10. The following shoes are not permitted: Open-toed shoes, cleated shoes, bedroom shoes, roller skate shoes or shoes with sharp or protruding objects e.g. spurs (shoes that would be a safety risk to students).
 - 11. Oversized purses. A purse should be no larger than to be able to carry an average size textbook.
 - 12. Jewelry that would be a personal safety concern. Male students may not wear earrings or other body piercing jewelry or objects. Female students may not wear body piercing jewelry or objects other than in the ear. Jewelry should be worn in moderation and should not draw attention to one's self in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process.
 - 13. Controversial, offensive or vulgar types of insignia, arm bands, decals, slogans having double or questionable meaning, etc. Controversial or vulgar type tattoos must be covered.

- 14. Clothing which promotes products or activities prohibited by school policies (obscene language, unacceptable graphics, illegal substance advertisements to include alcohol and tobacco).
- 15. Anything worn which could be considered as a weapon or as potentially harmful to other persons, such as chains.
- 16. Clothing which has become synonymous with any secret society or anti-authority gang activity. A "gang" is a group of three or more individuals with a common interest, bond or activity. The board of education believes that anti-authority gang related dress and behavior have the potential of endangering the safety and welfare of students and school personnel and of disrupting the educational process. Membership in a gang often is marked by certain colors or distinctive symbols and the use of certain signals and gestures. Students who engage in behavior or adopt dress style or personal appearance suggestive of gang membership may not only endanger the welfare and safety of other students or school personnel and disrupt the educational process, but they themselves may also become victims of delinquent, criminal or anti-social conduct. The board has no tolerance for gangs and declares that policies including, but not limited to the code shall be used and enforced in a manner to prevent the initiation and continuation of gangs in the school system.

NOTE: If any aspect of the dress code becomes a consistent problem, appropriate adjustments will be made by the principal in collaboration with the Superintendent/Designee to address the situation.

- (III.) **BOOK BAGS / BACK PACKS**

Clear or mesh book bags and backpacks are permitted for grades K - 12. The use of rollers on book bags or backpacks is prohibited. "Trapper Keeper" styled notebooks are acceptable.