
Dress Code

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The Board and Administration recognizes the importance of personal rights and privileges of each individual student in the school system. However, the Board equally recognizes that individual rights stop where the rights of the group (the school) begin and no student has the right to dress or appear in such a manner that becomes disruptive to the teaching-learning process.

The Thomasville City Schools System Uniform Dress Policy will become effective on the first day of school for the 2001 – 2002 school year.

Each school shall submit in writing any proposed changes to the dress code by March 1 each school year for the next school year.

Each school will be allowed to participate in "Spirit Days." On spirit days students will be required to wear the spirit shirt or the required uniform shirt.

Each School will be required to communicate to parents information specific to each school. This will include the board policy and individual school information.

Each school will maintain an area for uniform donations to accommodate individual needs for our students.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for religious or medical reason if such accommodation will not unduly interfere with the effective functioning of the school day or the dress code policy.

The Board will re-evaluate the mandatory dress policy at the end of the third year.

Disciplinary action will be taken to enforce the Uniform Dress Code Policy and insure that the teaching – learning process is not disrupted.

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LEGAL REF.: Griffin v. Tatum, 425 F.2d 201 (5th Cir., 1970); Karr v. Schmidt,

460 F.2d 609 (1972).

Thomasville City Schools

Mandatory Uniform Dress Policy

Shirts: Long or short sleeve polo style knit with collar
Long or short button down with a collar, Button-front
Solid color: white or maroon
No writing (except school name or logo)
No t-shirts (unless worn as an undershirt) white only
All shirttails must be tucked into students' pants at all times.
Thomasville School spirit shirts may be worn on spirit days.

Pants or Shorts: All materials must be cotton or cotton blend.
Solid color: Khaki or Black must fit properly at natural waistline
No baggies, no corduroys, no cargoes

Skirts, Skorts, Jumper Dresses: All materials must be cotton or cotton blend. Solid color: Khaki or Black must fit properly
Must wear a uniform shirt underneath jumper dress
No baggies or wrap skirts

Length: All shorts, skorts and jumper dresses must be an appropriate length for school wear.

High and Middle school students shorts, skorts and jumper dresses will strike the top of the knee.

Elementary school students will put their hands alongside the bodies while standing in a normal fashion without shoulders elevated and clothing should be as long as their longest finger.

Vests or Sweaters: Cardigan, v-neck, or crew neck
Solid color: white, maroon, or gray
No writing (except school name or logo)
Must wear a uniform shirt underneath

Jackets or Coats: All jackets or coats must open with half or full zipper or buttons.
School-related jackets may be worn (athletic, band, etc.).
Solid colors: white, maroon or gray
No writing (except school name or logo)
No pullover sweatshirts.

Shoes: Black, brown or white (may wear tennis shoes, if black, brown, or white).
Shoelaces and logo must be same color as shoe
Shoe sole must be black, brown, or white
No open toes
Closed heel only

Boots (ankle high only) Appropriate for P. E. (Elementary School)

The four questions test:

- **Are the shoes black, brown or white?**
- **Are the shoe soles black, brown or white?**
- **Are the logo and shoelaces the same color as the shoes?**
- **Do the shoes have closed heels with no open toes?**

If the answers to these questions are yes, then the shoes are acceptable.

Socks: White, khaki, maroon or black (must be solid)

Stockings: Neutral pantyhose

Tights may be worn

Solid color: maroon, white, khaki or black

Belts: All students (male and female) must wear belts with anything that has belt loops

Solid color: black or brown

Length: must be proper length and size (may not hang more than 3 inches)

Jewelry: If necklaces are worn, they are to be worn inside of shirt/blouse. They will not extend above the collar of the shirt/blouse or hang over the button opening of shirt/blouse.

Pierced jewelry is limited to the ears.

Dark Glasses: May be worn only with a doctor's prescription.

Head Coverings: Hats, caps and bandannas or any other head covering is not part of the school uniform and will not be allowed at school.

Other: No overalls of any kind and no sweatshirts

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