

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

1. Policy and Purpose

The dress of students is a part of the school environment. When appropriate, it can enhance the learning environment; when inappropriate, it can unduly detract from the environment in such a way as to be a disruption. The appropriateness of dress for the school environment should dictate the choice of clothing and grooming practices on each given day.

All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness and neatness; to dress within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it. The student who fails to comply with this dress code may be sent home and be subject to disciplinary actions.

1.1 When attending Monroe County Schools or events, all students shall:

1.1a. Refrain from wearing any clothing, accessories, symbols, jewelry, or other paraphernalia, which depicts or suggests association with a gang.

1.1b. Refrain from wearing clothing, jewelry or accessories with decorations, patches, lettering, advertisements, etc. that may be considered obscene or offensive. This includes any clothing, jewelry, accessories that may be used as weapons, which have drug emblems containing obscenities, tobacco or alcoholic beverage references, which may be considered derogatory towards a race, culture or religion, which may be considered sexual harassment, or includes lettering or words with unacceptable double meanings.

1.1c. Shirts and blouses, for both males and females, should cover the entire torso and back, should not show cleavage, and should not be made of transparent or see-through material. Shirts must have straps at least the width of a credit card and should not show any undergarments.

1.1d. When wearing skirts, dresses or shorts the length must extend to at least the mid-thigh. This may be defined as the point on the thigh where the individual's relaxed hand would touch the thigh naturally.

1.1e. Refrain from wearing tight fitting clothing such as spandex or leggings without another layer of clothing that meets the dress code to cover the

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full bottom.

1.1f. Refrain from wearing pants with tears that expose inappropriate areas of the body, or pants that do not fit properly at the waist (no “sagging” of pants).

1.1g. Wear shoes.

1.1h. Keep hair neat, clean, and reasonably styled, i.e. hair should not be spiked in a length or a color that would be distracting.

1.1i. Wear extracurricular uniforms consistent with WVSSAC rules and policies.

1.1j. Any type of head covering is unacceptable, except those items which are not hats but are worn to keep the hair from the face. Further, head coverings worn for safety reasons shall be allowed where appropriate.

1.1k. Heavy chains,handcuffs, metal pieces or spike jewelry are unacceptable as is any jewelry depicting unacceptable items such as drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons, etc. Fish hooks are prohibited from clothing at any time. They are also prohibited on any head-covering used at any time.

1.1l. Body piercing and jewelry in other than the ears is strongly discouraged for health and safety reasons. Those who do wear pierced body ornaments shall only wear those items that are modest and that are not distracting to the educational environment.

1.1m. Tattoos, which would violate this policy if worn as clothing must be covered.

1.1 n. Students shall not wear coats in the building unless given permission to do so by the administration.

Questions Regarding Apparel

Any other considerations, i.e. religious, medical, et al, will be determined by the individual school principal.

Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained PRIOR TO WEARING IT TO SCHOOL; this can be obtained from the school administration. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school's administration.

Supervision of Student Dress Code Policy

Teachers are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress code policy in their classes as well as on campus. Administrators and other school personnel share the same responsibility. Teachers shall follow building procedure for discipline referral regarding dress code violations.

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