

Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract from student learning or interfere with the operation of school. Failure to comply with the dress code of the McMinn County School system will result in disciplinary consequences.

Large chains, spiked jewelry, or other jewelry that may be dangerous is prohibited. No article of clothing, apparel, jewelry, or tattoos may be worn which implies or otherwise mentions alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, gangs, offensive language, harming of others, hatred or any prejudice. Only the American flag may be worn and shall be worn in an appropriate manner. All apparel must be appropriately sized with no holes. Clothing must not be see-through or revealing. Undergarments shall not be visible at any time.

Certain coursework in high school requires coinciding appropriate attire (i.e. shorts for gym class or marching band, lab coats for science, pants and closed-toed shoes for shop classes). For the safety of our students, these requirements shall be insisted upon.

We encourage parents to communicate with administration if there is a question about the appropriateness of any particular item of clothing before the clothing is worn to school.

SHIRTS:

Shirts, blouses, and dresses shall have sleeves and shirttails should be appropriate length. Shirts, blouses, dresses, and outerwear should not expose the shoulders, midriff, or cleavage.

PANTS/SHORTS/DRESSES:

Shorts must reach at least the mid-thigh and fit appropriately. Pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, and sweatpants should not be sagging or baggy and undergarments should never be exposed. Skirts and dresses must be worn to the mid-thigh. Ankle-length, opaque leggings may be worn under tunics or blouses that are mid-thigh length. Pajamas are not allowed.

SCHOOL SANCTIONED:

School sanctioned organization wear (spirit wear) may be worn at any time but must be approved by principal. No homemade/hand written spirit wear will be allowed.

COATS:

Coats and hoodies must fit criteria of shirts. Trench coats or long coats may not be worn in the school building during school hours.

SHOES:

Shoes are to be worn at all times.

ACCESSORIES:

Head coverings (hoods, hats, bandanas or sweatbands) and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school. Jewelry that may be dangerous is prohibited.

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS:

The items specifically cited in this dress code should not be viewed as “all inclusive.” The administration may make decisions about items that are disruptive to the educational process and deal with those items accordingly.