

DRESS CODE

Students' appearance should be neat and clean. Dress and appearance which cause disruption of the educational process or present health or safety problems shall not be permitted. Articles of clothing with offensive, suggestive, obscene, or disruptive patches, slogans, symbols, or other print material shall be prohibited. Such prohibited items include: slogans, patches, or advertisements which promote alcoholic beverages and/or other harmful or illegal substances; items associated with gang affiliation or activity; and items that promote racial divisiveness.

The Board strongly believes that it is the responsibility of students and parents or guardians to use reason, good judgment, and common decency in the choice of dress and physical grooming in the school setting. Generally, dress and appearance are the responsibility of parents; however, no student has the right to dress or appear in such a manner that disrupts the teaching/learning process.

When the dress or appearance of a student disrupts the teaching-learning process, the principal has the authority to take disciplinary action.

Jewelry

1. Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the learning environment; excessively noisy jewelry and/or belts.
2. Facial and/or tongue jewelry is not allowed for males and females.
3. Bracelets, belts, gloves, necklaces, and other accessories with spikes, studs, metal balls or chains are not allowed. No hemp jewelry is allowed.

Hair

Hair must be clean, well-groomed and should not impair vision. No hair style (mohawks), hair color, make-up, clothing or other article which is disruptive to the learning environment or which identifies a student as being a member of a gang and/or subversive or unlawful organization will be allowed.

Shirts

1. Shirts must have sleeves that cover the shoulders, upper arms and arm pits. Shirts must also cover the chest and back.
2. Shirts and tops should be long enough to cover the midriff when sitting or standing. They must be buttoned high enough to cover the chest, and the back of the body cannot be exposed.
3. All shirts must fit properly and not be oversized or excessively long as determined by the School Administrator.
4. Shirts must not be see-through.

Dresses and Skirts

1. Dresses must cover the top of the shoulders and arm pits. They must also have sleeves or worn with a top that does have sleeves.
2. Dresses must be buttoned high enough to cover the chest, and the back of the body cannot be exposed.

3. All dresses and skirts must be worn at the top of the knee.

Pants

1. All pants must be clean and in good repair.
2. No shredded or split or holes in pants are permitted. No pajama bottoms are permitted. All pants must be properly hemmed or with cuffs.
3. All pants must fit properly - no sagging/dragging pants.
4. No exposed underwear is allowed.
5. Pants and jeans with belt loops must be worn with a size-appropriate belt for middle/high school students.
6. Pants of lycra, spandex, or leggings may only be worn if dress or top is to the knee.

Shorts

Shorts shall be permitted provided that the shorts are neatly hemmed, conservative, and modest in appearance. Length of shorts should touch the knee. Specifically prohibited are cutoffs, frayed-hem short, bicycle shorts, form fitting and skin-tight shorts of lycra, spandex or other similar materials.

Other Areas

1. Hats, caps, visor, bandannas, and sunglasses are not permitted in school during school hours.
2. Tattoos, clothing and accessories displaying obscene, distracting or suggestive language, unacceptable graphics or advertisements for illegal substances (to include alcohol and tobacco) may not be worn or displayed. This will include anything that is derogatory to any race or religion.
3. Students are required to wear appropriate shoes to school at all times.
4. Cheerleaders, dance team, etc. uniforms are not to be worn to class.

Principals with approval from Superintendent may approve exceptions to the above.

All teachers shall be responsible for applying the dress code consistently.

The Fayette County Board of Education considers this code to be conducive to rather than restrictive of the education process of middle/high school students.

Procedures

1. When the local school principal and/or teacher(s) feel that a student is in violation of the Board's officially approved local school dress code, the local school principal should make every effort to have the parent or guardian and student to cooperatively correct the identified dress code violation.
2. Provided the parent or guardian is unwilling or unable to have the student correct the identified dress code violation, the local school principal then may take appropriate disciplinary action. In all cases, the local school principal shall have the authority to temporarily dismiss students from school until such time as the identified dress code violation is corrected. Every effort will

be made to contact the parent or guardian prior to dismissing students from school for any purpose.

3. So that the recommendations for dress and physical appearance will be consistent among the different levels (elementary, junior high, and senior high), a joint student-parent-faculty committee should be constituted at each level to define recommended standards of dress for consideration by the Board.

Dress for Physical Education

Students, who for religious reasons, do not choose to dress in prescribed physical education attire shall be given the opportunity to choose alternate attire in keeping with religious belief and the goals and objective of said class.