

Roane County Board of Education

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1 The Roane County School Board believes that in keeping with the educational purposes of public
 2 education, students, school employees, and volunteers are expected to dress and groom themselves as
 3 individuals with a sense of responsibility and pride. Each student, employee, and volunteer is expected
 4 to keep his or her person and clothing neat and clean. It is expected that students, employees, and
 5 volunteers while exercising the right to dress and groom themselves in an individual way, will also show
 6 through their appearance a high degree of respect for the standards of decency, cleanliness, and style
 7 acceptable by the school.

8 When the principal or designee determines a student, employee, or volunteer is dressed or groomed in a
 9 manner which is in violation of this policy or may cause disruption or interfere with the instructional
 10 process, the principal shall take action. For students, this action may include options from conferencing
 11 with the student, requiring a change in clothing, parent contact, detention, up to and including
 12 suspension. Appropriate agencies may also be notified. For employees and volunteers, actions may
 13 include conferencing, a change in clothing, or being asked to leave the school or school event.

14 For the safety of all individuals, clothing brands, tattoos, stickers, or any material that exhibits written,
 15 pictorial, or implied references to illegal substances, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, negative slogans,
 16 vulgarities, or profanity or are designed to attract undue attention shall be prohibited. Any wearing
 17 apparel, brands, tattoos, stickers, or any other material that are sexually suggestive or that features crude
 18 or vulgar lettering or printing and/or pictures is prohibited. No item that depicts drugs, tobacco, alcohol,
 19 racial/ethnic slurs, violence, or gang affiliation shall be allowed.

20 The following is a partial list of restrictions in the Roane County School System.

21 Only appropriate attire may be worn at school. No sleep wear, lounge wear, or swim wear will be
 22 allowed.

23 Head wear: Hats, bandanas, hoods, sweatbands, sunglasses, etc., are not to be worn
 24 in the building.

25 Hair color: Hair color shall be only colors that occur naturally (color with which one
 26 could be born). Examples of unacceptable colors are green, pink, blue,
 27 orange, etc.

28 Piercing of other body parts: Wearing of body piercing materials which are visible in or on any part(s) of
 29 the body (other than ears) is prohibited. Students will be required to remove
 30 any piercing material while at school or involved in a school activity. Covering
 31 of piercing(s) with bandages or other materials is prohibited.

- 1 No see-through or revealing clothing will be allowed. No undergarments may be visible at any time.
2 Clothing that exposes the abdomen, buttocks, cleavage, naval areas, and/or waist is prohibited.
- 3 **Top Wear:** Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back, and
4 shoulders. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts with
5 no midriff visible. Low-cut blouses, shirts, or tops or extremely tight tops, tube
6 tops, or any top that exposes cleavage are prohibited. Frays, tears, or rips are not
7 permitted.
- 8 **Pants, shorts:** The waistband of clothing must be worn at the waist level. No oversized,
9 baggy, or sagging attire will be permitted. If exercise pants or jeggings/leggings
10 are worn, tops or dresses must extend to mid-thigh.
- 11 **Skirts/dresses:** Skirts/dresses must be of age-appropriate modest length – top of the knee for
12 grades 6-12.
- 13 **Shorts:** Shorts must be of age-appropriate modest length – top of the knee for grades 6-
14 12.
- 15 **Holes, rips,
16 tears, or cuts:** Pants must not have holes, rips, frays, tears, or cuts.
- 17 **Shoes:** Appropriate street shoes must be worn at all times. Shoe cleats, shoe skates,
18 bedroom shoes, excessively high heels, or any shoe that impairs the ability of a
19 student to walk safely are prohibited.
- 20 **Accessories:** No belts which are extra-long with excessive belt material hanging loosely will
21 be permitted. Belt buckles with inappropriate symbols, designs, or insignia are
22 prohibited. Wallet chains or large chains of any kind may not be worn. Jewelry
23 of any kind that promotes inappropriate messages, contraband material, or could
24 pose a safety hazard will not be permitted.
- 25 **Graffiti:** There is to be no graffiti or symbols that relate to gang, drug, or cult activities on
26 books, book bags, notebooks, or any other items carried by students on school
27 grounds.
- 28 **Special Dress Day:** Schools may develop special dress days for special occasions at the direction of
29 the principal.
- 30 **Extracurricular
31 activities:** Students participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities that require
32 alternate dress are exempt from the dress code during the activity. School
33 functions are community events and dress must reflect the appropriate
community atmosphere.
- 34 Any item of clothing that is deemed to be disruptive to the instructional process may be prohibited and
35 the student, employee, or volunteer will be asked to change.

- 1 Planned enhancements to this policy will be reported to the Director of Schools who will inform the
- 2 Board.