

# Giles County Board of Education

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1 Giles County Board of Education recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming has upon  
2 student behavior and commitment to learning. We further recognize the role of parents in assisting their  
3 children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In  
4 order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and to prepare students for working  
5 environments, Giles County Board of Education requires that all students, grades K-12, exercise good  
6 judgment with regard to their personal appearance.

7 With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for students in  
8 elementary, middle and high school grades, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.<sup>1</sup>

## 9 **Definition of Standard School Attire Includes the Following:**

### 10 **Acceptable Attire in Giles County Schools**

- 11 1. Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, skorts, denim jeans, or jumpers.
- 12 2. Shirts with short or long sleeves of any color or pattern.
- 13 3. No clothing shall be modified other than for corrective purposes. Example: Patches
- 14 4. Sweaters will be allowed in any pattern or color with standard attire top.
- 15 5. Sweatshirts will be allowed in any pattern or color.
- 16 6. School-sponsored t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets may be worn.
- 17 7. College Logo t-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets may be worn.

### 18 **General Requirements**

- 19 1. The Standard School Attire policy will be in effect during the school year, intersession, and  
20 summer program.
- 21 2. Students will wear clothing of appropriate size. Appropriate sizes are defined as no more than  
22 one size smaller or one size larger than the student's actual clothing size. Pants, shorts, capri  
23 pants, skorts, jeans, or skirts must fit at the waist and must not sag or bag. If tight pants are  
24 worn (ex. leggings, skin tight jeans), a shirt or dress must also be worn over the pants to a  
25 minimum length of four inches above the knee. (Sagging is defined as bottom wear being worn  
26 below the waistline.) (Bagging is defined as bottom wear being worn not size appropriate.)
- 27 3. The district will not require specific brands of clothing. No writing is allowed on clothing  
28 except logos brand name, monograms representing the student's initials. Authorized Giles  
29 County School logos are permitted. PreK-5 (PreK-6 at Elkton and Minor Hill) will be allowed  
30 to wear t-shirts with cartoon and superhero characters on them.  
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- 1 4. All clothing must be hemmed.
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- 3 5. Appropriate clothing must cover the student from the shoulders to four inches above the knee.

#### 4 **Bottom Wear**

- 5 1. Full-length pants, cropped pants, and straight-legged capri pants are permitted. Pants, capri  
6 pants, and shorts must be dress style or casual-dress style (e.g., Dockers®). Jeans are approved,  
7 but must be size appropriate. PreK-5 (6 at Elkton and Minor Hill) may wear gym/athletic  
8 shorts. Students in 6-12 may not wear gym/athletic shorts.
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- 10 2. Pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts with elastic waistbands must be worn at the waist. All other  
11 pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be worn at the waist. (No sagging.)
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- 13 3. Shorts, jumpers, dresses, skirts, or skorts must be no shorter than 4” above the top of the knee.

#### 14 **Top Wear**

- 15 1. Dresses or shirts with short or long sleeves of any color or pattern are acceptable.
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- 17 2. All blouses and shirts should be properly buttoned. Chests and midriffs must be covered. No  
18 cleavage showing. Blouse/shirt material must not be see through. Crew neck, collared,  
19 turtleneck blouse/shirt are all acceptable.

#### 20 **Foot Wear**

- 21 1. Standard footwear (shoes, boots, athletic shoes, and sandals with or without a thong between  
22 the toes) may be worn.
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- 24 2. House shoes or skate shoes will not be allowed.
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- 26 3. Laces on shoes or sneakers must be tied.

#### 27 **Additional Clothing**

- 28 1. A single blazer, suit jacket, vest, cardigan, windbreaker or light jacket is permitted as a garment  
29 that may be worn over the standard attire top. These garments must be sized according to the  
30 General Requirements section of this policy and must not extend below the hips.

#### 31 **Special Situations**

- 32 1. Schools may develop and promote special dress for students at the discretion of the school  
33 administration (i.e. Homecoming, School Spirit, etc.).
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- 35 2. If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs or  
36 medical reasons, his or her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the  
37 school principal with a copy to the Director of Schools. Approval or denial will be determined

1 on a case-by-case basis.

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3 3. School standard attire will be the minimum policy for students in Career and Technical  
4 Education Classes. Career and Technical Teachers may extend the policy to include apparel  
5 and footwear required by safety rules of each shop, lab or classroom.

## 6 **Standard Attire Prohibitions**

7 1. No bare midriffs are allowed, and tops will not reveal cleavage.

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9 2. Ripped, cut, or torn clothing is prohibited. In addition, no see-through or clothing with holes  
10 may be worn. Patches are allowed to cover holes.

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12 3. Trench coats and dusters are prohibited.

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14 4. Logos or manufacturers' trademarks with writing or images of substances that are illegal for  
15 teens (i.e., drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) or are otherwise offensive, lewd, indecent,  
16 vulgar, obscene, profane, gang-related or constitute racial, or ethnic slurs may not be worn.

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18 5. Any type of clothing or personal item bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco  
19 products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, logos, etc.,  
20 is not allowed.

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22 6. Chains, spiked accessories, and belt buckles with concealed weapons are not permissible. Belts  
23 may not hang down as a "tail" from the belt loop.

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25 7. "Gang" related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not allowed.

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27 8. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt,  
28 unclean, or impairing vision. Hair cannot be dyed any unnatural hair color.

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30 9. Hats, bandanas, hoods worn on head, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves, or sunglasses will not  
31 be allowed except for medical reasons.

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33 10. Jewelry ornaments or accessories which distract from the educational process or which present  
34 a safety concern will not be allowed. Body-piercing jewelry (fake or real) or accessories are not  
35 allowed except to the ears.

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37 11. Extreme facial makeup that is disruptive to the educational environment will not be allowed

38 DECISIONS REGARDING ADHERANCE TO THIS DRESS CODE ARE AT THE DISCRETION  
39 OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL.

40 STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY  
41 CONSEQUENCES AS PER BOARD POLICY 6.300.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1) ; TCA 49-1-302(j)

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Cross References

- Discipline Procedures 6.313  
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316