

McMinn County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Dress Code	Descriptor Code: 6.310	Issued Date: 07/10/14
		Rescinds: 6.310	Issued: 07/10/12

1 **STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8:**

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3 Students should be well groomed and appropriately dressed to promote an orderly educational
4 atmosphere.

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6 Any apparel, dress or grooming that is potentially disruptive of the educational process will not be
7 permitted. Examples of this include: professional wrestling, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, the
8 occult, death- or gang-related messages. Clothing must not be sagging and no holes, rips, tears, cuts,
9 purposely frayed edges, or see through clothing of any kind will be permitted. All pants must be length
10 appropriate. Gym classes may wear course-appropriate dress while in that class. No flags other than
11 the American flag may be worn.

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13 Skirts, skorts, shorts, dresses, etc., must be at least the knee level. Dresses must have sleeves or be
14 worn with a top with appropriate sleeves. No bare midriff or cleavage will be allowed. Shirts and tops
15 must have sleeves. No spandex will be allowed.

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17 Shoes must be worn at all times.

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19 Students are to wear clothing in the manner in which it was intended to be worn. No clothing shall be
20 worn backward, inside out, suspenders undone, etc.

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22 No head coverings, sunglasses, or gloves will be worn in the building during the instructional day. No
23 body-piercing jewelry other than earrings will be allowed, and no accessory that is studded, spiked,
24 contains chains or metal tabs, or in any way presents potential danger or harm to self or others will be
25 permitted. Make-up, buttons, pins, jewelry or other accessories must not disrupt the educational
26 process or draw attention to the individual.

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28 Hair should be well groomed. It must not be sprayed or dyed unnatural colors (pink, orange, etc.), nor
29 in any other way disrupt the educational process or draw undue attention to the individual.

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31 Schools may develop special dress days at the discretion of the administration.
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STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12:

Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat and modest manner so as not to distract 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.

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

All apparel must be appropriately sized, with no holes, and free from rips, tears, cuts, or hems that are frayed. Clothing must not be see-through or revealing. Undergarments shall not be visible at any time.

SHIRTS:

Shirts and blouses shall have sleeves and shirrtails should be appropriate length. T-shirts must be a solid color unless they are school sanctioned. Collared shirts, blouses, coats, and hoodies may be patterned. Shirts, blouses, and outerwear should not expose the midriff or cleavage. Brand name logos must be no larger than a credit card.

PANTS:

Pants must fit appropriately and be a solid color. Pants should not be sagging or baggy. Skirts and dresses must be to the crease of the knee with leggings only worn under skirts or dresses of appropriate length. Shorts/skorts, sweat pants, cargo pants, pajamas, spandex, overalls, warm up pants or capri pants 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, except larger logos are acceptable on outer wear. Drawings or other designs are inappropriate. 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, or sweatbands) and sunglasses are not to be worn in the school. No

1 unnatural colored hair or visible body piercing with the exception of the ear will be allowed.

2 Large chains, spiked jewelry, or other jewelry that may be dangerous is prohibited. No article of
3 clothing, apparel, jewelry, or tattoos may be worn which implies or otherwise mentions alcohol,
4 tobacco, drugs, sex, gangs, offensive language, harming of others, hatred or racial prejudice will be
5 permitted. The American flag may be worn in an appropriate manner.
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7 **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS:**

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9 The items specifically cited in this dress code should not be viewed as "all inclusive". The
10 administration may make decisions about items that are disruptive to the educational process and deal
11 with those items accordingly.
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13 **APPEALS COMMITTEE:**

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15 All appeals concerning dress code violations will take place at the school level. Each principal will
16 appoint an appeals committee consisting of four (4) staff members. A fifth staff member will be
17 appointed an alternate to the committee.
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19 An appeal for dress code violation will be made in writing by a parent or legal guardian to the principal
20 or his/her designee within three (3) days of receipt of notice of the violation. The principal (or
21 designee) will arrange for a hearing as soon as practical, but no later than ten (10) days after receipt of
22 the appeal.
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24 After hearing the appeal and reviewing the dress code, the committee shall decide:
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- 26 (1) to uphold the action of the principal.
27 (2) to uphold the position of the student/parent that no infraction of the dress code occurred.
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29 The decision shall be made in writing to the parent(s) making the appeal and to the principal of the
30 school. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.