

# Yazoo County School District



## Dress Code 2014-2015



Shirts: Navy or White

Pants: Navy Blue or Khaki



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## **DISTRICT STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

The purpose of education in the Yazoo County School District is to aid young persons to prepare themselves to live their adult lives at maximum level of productivity, self-awareness, happiness, self-control, and in harmony with their community. In addition to the development of physical and intellectual skill, this requires the development of a perceptive awareness of high standards of behavior, appearance and grooming, which will ease the maturation a young person must make from childhood into the real world of adulthood.

The principals, counselors, and all classroom teachers continue to have a responsibility to teach by precept and example good conduct, good grooming, and positive attitudes toward learning. They and parents also have a responsibility to help students develop wholesome attitudes toward themselves, other students and teachers.

No student's appearance should cause a distraction to such an extent that it would violate another student's right to an educational environment. All students are expected to observe certain minimum standards of hygiene, sanitation, and personal appearance.

The Board of Trustees of the Yazoo County School District finds that it is appropriate to implement a mandatory school dress code for the purposes of enhancing school safety, improving the educational environment, promoting self esteem and discipline among the students population, decreasing violence among students, preventing the use of "gang" insignias at schools, bridging socioeconomic differences, increasing school spirit and assisting students and their parents in resisting peer pressure.

The Board of Trustees of the Yazoo County School District adopts the following school uniform policy for the reasons and purposes mentioned herein. All schools within the Yazoo County School District shall implement a mandatory student uniform dress code for all students in grades K-12. All students shall be required to comply with the school district approved dress code.

It shall be the responsibility of district and school support staffs to communicate information to parents regarding the requirement of the mandatory school dress code, including, but not necessarily limited to: (a) types and colors, (b) optional articles of attire, and (c) compliance measures to be employed.

The Superintendent, or designee, is hereby directed to disseminate approved administrative procedures and general guidelines necessary to implement this policy.

## YAZOO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MANDATORY DRESS CODE

The construction shall be of wash-n-wear or permanent press fabric. No component of the dress code/outerwear may be of denim or jean material.

**SHIRT:** Button-Up Oxford Cloth Shirt or "Knit Polo Style" 2-3 button shirt

- Collared oxford shirt or collared polo style shirt must be worn at all times
- Solid white or navy polo
- Solid white oxford cloth
- Pointed collar or rounded collar
- Long or short sleeve
- With or without pockets
- No visible emblem
- Must be tucked in (K-3 exempt)
- Solid white or solid navy undershirts or turtlenecks may be worn under the polo style shirt or oxford shirt

**Sweatshirts** (must have a ribbed collar, waist and wrists)

- Shirt collar must be visible
- Solid white or navy
- With or without pockets/hood
- No ruffles, pleats, lace, trim, etc.
- No visible emblem

**Sweaters/Vests**

- Solid white or navy
- Cardigan/Vest (button-up) or pullover
- With or without pockets/hood
- No visible emblem

**Coats/Jackets**

- No logo jackets (NCAA, NBA, NFL, M & M, etc.)
- Must not be more than one (1) size larger than the appropriate shirt size of student
- No trench coats allowed
- Students may wear school approved letter jackets/school logo

**TRADITIONAL STYLE Pants/Cropped Pants** (no shorter than 6" above the ankle)

- Solid khaki (tan) or navy
- No visible emblem
- Cuffed or un-cuffed, properly hemmed (no frayed, sagging, oversized, extremely tight fitting, zip-off pants, low-riders, bell bottoms, cargo pants, warm-up windsuits, etc.)
- Length shall not exceed the bottom of the shoe
- K-3 students may wear pull-up pants/shorts with elastic waistband

**TRADITIONAL STYLE Walking Shorts**

- Solid khaki (tan) or navy
- No visible emblem
- Cuffed or un-cuffed, properly hemmed
- Pleated or un-pleated
- Must fit at the waist and have a front waistband and belt loops
- No stretch fabric, cargo shorts
- Length shall not exceed 2" above or below the knee

**Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts/Dresses**

- Solid khaki (tan) or navy
- Regular/straight/box pleat styles
- No visible emblem
- No stretch fabric
- Length shall not exceed the top of the kneecap

#### Overalls

- Not allowed

#### Belts

- Solid brown, black or navy
- Length cannot exceed the buckle by more than six (6) inches
- Belt buckle cannot exceed two (2) inches by three (3) inches
- Must be worn with pants and shorts (K-3 exempt)

#### Shoes

- No shower shoes, slippers, house shoes, beach shoes

#### Socks/tights

- If worn, solid white, navy, khaki, black, or brown
- No visible emblem

#### School Spirit Days

- To be determined by the Principal
- School logo may be worn

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Each student has the responsibility to dress appropriately for the school environment. Wearing apparel, hair, and general appearance shall not disrupt the classroom atmosphere, shall not be unusually provocative, or shall not violate health and safety rules of the school. The guidelines for dress and grooming are provided to assist parents and shall apply to all students. Student dress and grooming shall be neat, clean, and follow the general guidelines below. **The principal shall have the final decision about the appropriateness of all components of the mandatory dress code.**

- Shirts are to be worn tucked into pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts.
- The length of the shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers shall not exceed the top of the kneecap.
- The construction shall be of wash-n-wear or permanent press fabric.
- Students are prohibited from wearing additional "patches", pins, tattoos, visible body piercing other than the ear lobe, ornate or cumbersome earrings or jewelry, or any other item that may be considered lewd, profane, obscene, suggestive, vulgar, non-school group affiliated or distracting which may harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean other groups; or which display illegal merchandise or contraband; or any item which may distract from the educational process.
- Students may not wear sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, jackets or coats around the waist, neck, shoulders, etc.
- Head coverings, including but not limited to caps, hats, bandannas, "doo" rags, hair curlers, sunglasses, headbands, or any "gang" symbols are prohibited.
- All clothing is to fit appropriately. Oversized and extremely tight fitting clothing is prohibited.

#### Specific Rules

- **Student Dress Code**  
Students are to be in compliance with the mandatory dress code before entering the building and at ALL times on campus, from arrival through departure. Bus students must be in compliance at all times on the bus. Additionally, students are to be groomed and dressed neatly. **The principal will determine what constitutes distracting influences in matters of dress and grooming and reserves the right to make modifications as needed.** All components of dress are to be worn in keeping with the intent of the overall dress code. Circumventing the policy is prohibited. If a style of dress or appearance is, in the opinion of the administration, disruptive to the educational process, constitutes a potential threat to the safety or health of the student or other persons, or contradicts the intent of the policy, it shall not be permitted.