

Marshall County Board of Education

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1 The Board recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming have upon student behavior and com-
 2 mitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropri-
 3 ate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an atmosphere
 4 conducive to learning and to prepare students for working environments, the Board shall require that all
 5 students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire which is con-
 6 sidered disruptive to others or a risk to one's health or safety is not appropriate. Clothing, personal items,
 7 or anything which can be offensive to others will not be tolerated.
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9 **In grades K-6**, parental guidance is of upmost importance in preparing students for the school day. El-
 10 ementary school administrators will contact the parents of children whom they deem to be inappropriately
 11 dressed. If the consultation with parents is unsuccessful, disciplinary measures will be taken as per this
 12 policy.
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14 **In grades 7-12 or 6-12** depending on the grade configuration in each school, school administrators are
 15 responsible for enforcing the following standard school attire in a fair manner while applying common
 16 sense. Violations will be handled in accordance with this policy.
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- 18 1. All shirts must have shoulders and sleeves – no cleavage or midriffs. No logos to exceed 2 inches,
 19 except school-related shirts (sports, clubs, etc.).
- 20 2. Shorts, skirts, dresses, and skorts must not be shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
- 21 3. Bottom wear must be worn securely around the waist – no sagging.
- 22 4. Clothing must be free of holes, rips or tears that show skin above the knee.
- 23 5. Visible undergarments (bras, underwear, etc.) are not allowed.
- 24 6. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 25 7. Clothing must be size appropriate and worn in the manner it was designed to be worn.
- 26 8. Nothing is to be worn on heads.
- 27 9. Jewelry must not be excessive and/or disruptive – such as chains, spikes, etc.
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29 **SPECIAL DRESS** Schools may develop special dress days/special dress occasions for students at the
 30 discretion of the school administration (examples: cheerleaders, FFA, FHA, etc.).
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32 **SPECIAL** If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious be-
 33 **SITUATIONS** liefs, his/her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the
 34 director of schools, with a copy to the school principal. Each case will be dealt with
 35 on an individual basis.
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STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES AS OUTLINED BELOW:

- 1st Offense: Warning, call parent for replacement clothing or correction by principal, i.e. rope, belt, string for trousers
- 2nd Offense: Two hours of detention, Parental Conference, replacement clothing or correction by principal, i.e. rope, belt, string for trousers.
- 3rd Offense: Defiance of Authority (refer to policy 6.313)

Alternative School

In addition to the above guidelines, students attending the Alternative School will be required to comply with the following:

- PANTS** Pants are to be navy, black or khaki. Pants are to be worn at the waist. No undergarments are to be showing.
- BELTS** Belts must be worn at all times and meet the guidelines above. In general, belts should be as plain as possible.
- SHIRTS** Shirts must be white polo or button down with no logos. All buttons, except for the top button, are to be buttoned at all times. Sleeves, if long, are not to be rolled up, but should be buttoned at the wrist. Undershirts are to be white only. Shirts should be tucked in at all times (belt should be visible).
- SHOES** Tennis shoes are the only acceptable type/design to be worn. Shoes must be black, gray or white and shoestrings must match the color of the shoe. Shoestrings are to be tied tightly and all Velcro must be strapped. This is a safety precaution and will be enforced.
- JEWELRY** No jewelry, watches or sunglasses are to be worn or brought to school.
- FINGERNAILS** Fingernails must be clean and short. Artificial nails CANNOT be worn. Only clear polish is acceptable.
- PHYSICAL ED. ATTIRE** Gray short or gray sweatpants (must be worn at waist) and a white t-shirt. Shirt must be tucked in at all times.
- OUTERWEAR** Jackets, coats, gloves and toboggans are allowed in cooler weather but are NOT to be worn in the halls or classrooms. These items will be checked in and hung in the designated area when a student enters the building. Likewise, they will be reissued when a student checks out in the afternoon.

Legal Reference:
1. TCA 49-6-4215; TCA 49-1-302(2)(j)

Cross References:
Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316