DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-12

The Coffee County Schools sincerely encourage all parents and students to be aware that dress and personal appearance influence the image and attitude that others have of them as individuals. Therefore, all students should consider reasonable judgment, tact and decency in making their selection of clothes for school. The school administration shall maintain authority in making subjective judgment concerning a student’s dress and personal appearance.

The following items are inappropriate:

* One-shoulder tops  * Strapless clothing  * Shoulderless shirts  * Halter  * Spaghetti straps
* Mesh clothing  * Open-side shirts  * Exposed undergarments  * Bandannas  * Tank tops
* Skin-tight or revealing clothing including provocative backless, cut-out, low-cut clothing.
* Clothing which provokes inflammatory or racial remarks or gang/cult membership
* Pajama pants, bike pants, sweat pants, “Soffé” shorts, shorts
* Clothes with tears, holes, rips or cut-offs
* Leggings/ - outer layer must meet length requirement
* Body piercing such as nose, tongue, belly rings, eyebrow, and any other jewelry that may create a safety hazard
* Decorative contact lenses
* Caps, hats or other head coverings

Additionally:

* A student standing erect with arms positioned at sides must be able to touch the fabric of his/her garment with the middle finger. If the fabric cannot be touched, the student is in violation of the dress code because of the short length of the garment.
* If uniforms are worn to classes during the day, they must meet the dress code requirements.
* School-sponsored warm-up suits may be worn by a member participating in the event.

Exceptions may be made by the principal to any of the above when physical or other circumstances warrant or for certain groups during performances or special activities as authorized by the principal.

* The penalty for violation of the dress code is listed in the Code of Conduct as a Class I violation.

* Clothing with decals or slogans that contain and/or refer to provocative, indecent, or offensive behavior or profanity
* Athletic/P.E. clothing outside the P.E. classroom (pants without zipper)
* Clothing that is tattered or torn in appearance
* Heelys (shoes with rollers) or house shoes (slippers)
* Hair styles or colors and/or makeup that cause distractions
* Jeggings

* Garments advertising tobacco, alcohol, drugs or gangs
* Cut-off or midriff shirts (to the extent that stomach/back is revealed)
* Low-riders or sagging pants which expose underclothing or skin. Pants must be worn at the waist.
* Clothing with holes that is designed to expose parts of the body
* Rompers must meet length requirement
* Picks, combs, rollers in hair
* Sunglasses (inside building, except for medical reasons)
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* A student standing erect with arms extended to shoulder height or a student seated should not reveal flesh.
* Permanent markers are prohibited.
* Use of book bags is based on school policy and the age of the students.

* Shoes must be worn at all times and shoe laces must be tied.
* Unisex or polo shirts must be tucked in by all students.
* If clothing has belt loops, a belt must be worn by male students.

* Male students must wear shirttails tucked in.