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| **Franklin County Board of Education** | | | |
| Monitoring:  **Review: Annually, in April** | Descriptor Term:  **Dress Code – Middle School and High School** | Descriptor Code:  **6.310** | Issued Date:  **08/08/16** |
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The Franklin County School System is committed to help create and maintain the very best learning environment possible. A correlation certainly exists between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment.

Any dress or hairstyle that is considered contrary to good hygiene, distractive or disruptive in appearance, detrimental to the educational environment or to the public image of the school shall not be allowed. The administration of the school reserves the right and responsibility to determine whether a student’s attire is within the limits of appropriateness for school, decency, and modesty. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail.

A uniform dress code is in effect at the middle schools and high schools. The uniform dress code will include solid khaki (khaki-colored) pants, skirts, shorts, skorts or capris or appropriately solid-colored jeans, denim skirts, shorts, skorts or capris with no holes. Pants will be belted at the waist when appropriate. Shirts will be collared, or crew necked, with sleeves. Shirts may be solid-colored or patterned. The only logos that may be on a shirt will be – logos no larger than a six (6) by six (6) inch square. Shirts must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders, midriffs, and cleavage. Shirts will be tucked in the pants or skirts or, at the discretion of the school, allowed to be worn on the outside if worn neatly. Spirit wear depicting the school of attendance will be considered appropriate attire.

The following specific expectations have been established to help create and maintain the best learning environment:

1. All clothing must be clean, appropriate for school, and size appropriate. Clothing must not have holes, be cut-off, ripped, or see-through. The only logos allowed must meet the six (6) by six (6) inch square requirement on shirts. Spirit wear is allowed at any time and is identified as any clothing item that displays the student’s assigned school’s logo or publicizes a class, club or team that is recognized by the assigned school.
2. Shorts, skorts and capris must cover to the top of the knee when standing.
3. If leggings, jeggings, or tights are worn, the student’s top or outer garment must cover to the top of the knee when standing.
4. Skirts shall be knee length when the girl is standing erect. Slits in dresses or skirts shall not exceed three inches above the front and/or back of the knee.
5. Pants must be worn above the hip-bone; sagging/bagging is not allowed. At this time, low rider and hip hugger style pants are permissible.
6. All coats, jackets, sweaters, and any other kind of outer wear may be solid-colored or patterned. Outer wear that is spirit wear depicting the school of attendance may be worn.
7. Footwear is required and must be worn; footwear must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activities. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, house shoes/bedroom slippers, and skate shoes.
8. Clothing and accessories including, but not limited to, book bags, backpacks, belt buckles, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not contain or have printed on themracial/ethnic slurs or symbols, gang symbols/affiliations, or vulgar, obscene, subversive, sexually suggestive language, symbols, or images.

Clothing and accessories such as book bags, backpacks, belt buckles, patches, jewelry and notebooks shall not be derogatory to any individual or groups, or disruptive to the school environment.

Clothing or accessories shall not promote products which students may not legally buy such as

alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and controlled substances or promote violence.

1. Items which are prohibited include, but may not be limited to:
   1. Head apparel (hats/caps, scarves, hair picks, stocking caps, hair curlers, the hoods on hoodies or jackets, etc.) inside the school building, except for religious or medical purposes (for which doctor’s verification of need is required);
   2. Sunglasses inside the school building, except for health purposes – doctor’s verification of need is required;
   3. Visible body piercing jewelry (including tongue piercing) other than earrings (if worn, earrings must not pose a threat to the student’s safety nor be disruptive to the peace and good order of the schools);
   4. Large, long, and/or heavy chains (including billfold chains); and
   5. Trench coats, except as needed in very extreme weather.
   6. Tattoos and other similar markings of the skin are discouraged (offensive tattoos must be covered).

The director of schools may allow exceptions for some of the above listed items for special school activities.

Appropriate corrective/disciplinary action will be taken by the school administration if a student comes to school in clothing that is not deemed to be appropriate. Corrective/disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, calling parents to bring appropriate clothing, detention, in-school suspension and/or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. Three dress code violations will result in suspension to the alternative school for no less than twenty (20) days.

The principal’s discretion shall prevail in regard to appropriate attire for all after-school activities.

The Board expects the Director of Schools to require all principals and all certificated personnel to enforce the above dress code in a consistent manner.

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| Legal References | Cross References |
| 1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1) ; TCA 49-1-302(j) | Discipline Procedures 6.313 Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316 |