

**Taylor County School District (TAS)****DRESS CODE****DRESS CODE AND GROOMING**

A student's apparel and grooming shall be the responsibility of the individual student and his or her Parents/guardians. Each student is expected to dress appropriately in such a manner that is respectful to self and others. Dress and grooming shall be clean, healthy and safe, and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Items that when worn together are usually indicative of gang memberships or apparel that contains a message that is obscene or promotes illegal activities, drugs, discrimination, alcohol, or tobacco products shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school sponsored functions.

Taylor County schools is designed to promote safety and good hygiene as well as allow students the convenience of dressing comfortably while at school. Encouraging students to dress appropriately for school will prepare them to be productive members of society.

**This is not an all-inclusive list. Administrative discretion will apply in some cases.**

Dress Code:

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**NO BOOK BAGS or BOOK "TRAPPERS" WILL BE ALLOWED. Small purses, 5" x 8", will be allowed. A spiral notebook and a pencil or pen is permissible.**

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**ACCESSORIES**

1. Hair should be neat and well-groomed and without foreign objects such as, hair combs and hair picks, or other items that could be used as or used to hide weapons or drug paraphernalia.
2. No facial jewelry except eyeglasses. (Example: no lip, tongue, nose, or eyebrow jewelry.)
3. No dental grills, unless surgically attached by a dentist.

**Shoes:** Shoes must be worn at all times and conform to the safety requirements of any activity in which the student will take part. Open-toed and backless slides are acceptable if they are sturdy and fit securely. Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted.

**Accessories and Jewelry:** Accessories and jewelry must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive. They may not depict drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or be indicative of gang membership. Accessories and jewelry must not be capable of causing physical harm (nose; lip; eyebrow; tongue rings are not permitted).

**Hats and Sunglasses:** Both male and female head coverings and sunglasses are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to hats, beanies, hoods, bandanas, do-rags and caps worn during the school day. (During outside school activities, hats and sunglasses are permitted for sun protection).

**\*Any hat, sunglasses, beanie, hood, bandana, do-rag or cap will be confiscated if worn on campus and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.**

**\*Any item worn or displayed that causes a disruption will not be permitted.**

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### **Females:**

**1. Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses:** Clothing should be at least as long as the middle finger with arms extended by the side, this also includes slits and holes. Dresses and skirts should be loose fitting.

- a. No BodyCon, formfitting or body hugging dresses are allowed.
- b. Dresses must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee
- c. Or Dresses/tops can be worn with leggings but the top **MUST** come to the middle finger with arms extended by the side.

**2. Shirts: Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses** should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest,

back, shoulder, and sides.

- a. Cleavage should not be visible.
- b. Crop tops, tank tops, tube tops, halters, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top.
- c. Sheer materials, extremely tight clothing, beachwear, sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not permitted.
- d. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.

3. Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments (e.g. underwear, boxers, and shorts). Any pants with holes or slits should come no higher than the middle finger with arms extended by the side. No yoga pants/tights/form fitting pants are allowed unless the top (shirt) is at least as long as the middle finger with arms extended by the side. Yoga pants/ tights/form fitting pants should not be see-through or sheer.

### **MALE:**

#### **1. Pants**

- a. Shirts will be tucked in the pants and a belt will be worn, keeping the pants above the hips.
- b. Any pants with holes or slits that are higher than 2 inches from the knee (when standing) will be allowed as long as no skin is visible through the hole or slit.

**2. Shorts:** shorts should be at least as long as the middle finger with arms extended by the side, this also includes holes.

3. **Shirts:** Shirts, tops, jackets, should cover all aspects of the chest, back and sides.
  - a. Tank tops are not permitted as a primary top.
  - b. Sheer materials, extremely tight clothing, beachwear, sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not permitted.

**\*See special disciplinary actions below.** Exceptions may be made by administration for special school activities or if the student is a member of a legally recognized religious organization requiring head covering or if there is a legitimate medical necessity.

\*Any administrator or designee shall make the determination concerning questions regarding the appropriateness of dress for school and for school sponsored functions.

**Any student wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change clothes. If no other clothing is available, parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothing and the discipline matrix will be followed. If a parent cannot bring appropriate clothing the student will sit in isolation for the remainder of the day to do their work and the discipline matrix will be followed.**

Discipline for Failure to Follow the Dress Code Policy SB 228- Code of Student Conduct amends F.S. 1006.07 to include disciplinary action to any student who violates the dress code policy.