

# YAZOO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"Creating Next Generation Leaders!"*



**APPROVED DRESS CODE  
for STUDENTS**

**2020-2021**

## YAZOO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE

Optimal learning situations depend on the best possible behavior and attitude of the student. Students are encouraged to take pride in themselves and to strive to meet public appearance and expectations for success.

Students should be neat and clean, thus reflecting favorably on themselves and the school. Safety, health, and individual dignity provide the basis for any dress code. If clothing is disruptive to the learning situation or if it is embarrassing to others, steps will be taken to deal with the individual student as outlined further below in this approved dress code for students.

It is believed by the administration that parents/legal guardians, as well as teachers, should recognize the main purpose of public education is to provide an education for the students that will allow them to become productive citizens in our society. Thus, any disruption or concerns, caused by the student, as a result of dress would call for appropriate disciplinary action by the school authorities.

Teachers may, at any time, counsel with students about attire that may not be acceptable. When there is any doubt that students are not adhering to the standards of the approved dress code, the principal or his/her designee will be the final authority.

### **Dress For Males:**

1. Clothing advertising alcoholic beverages, or drug culture or clothing with obscene language or gestures shall not be worn.
2. Shoes shall be worn at all times; however, shower shoes, slides, flip-flops and/or slippers shall not be worn. When participating in PE class, students should wear shoes with non-marking soles.
3. Football or other jerseys shall be worn in a manner as not to conceal pants/trousers/jeans which may be considered "sagging."
4. Shirts, except those with straight hems, shall not be worn unbuttoned.
5. Shirts shall be long enough to cover the stomach.
  - A. Shirts shall not be unbuttoned below the second button.
  - B. If a hoodie is worn, the hood **MAY NOT** be worn inside the building.
6. Hats, head scarves, headbands, rollers, sunglasses, or any other headwear which may interrupt the education process, shall not be worn on campus during normal school hours.
7. Belts shall be fastened.
8. No fraternity jerseys or shirts shall be worn. (Mississippi Code Sec. 37-11-39)
9. Walking shorts shall be worn at an appropriate length of 5 inches above the top of the kneecap.
10. Sleeveless shirts shall not be worn.
11. Bike shorts may not be worn.

12. Grooming or dress styles which could disrupt proper classroom atmosphere or disrupt classroom management will not be condoned.

13. All garments shall be worn in a conventional manner. A belt must be worn if pants are loose-fitting. Under **NO circumstances**, will a student be allowed to wear pants that “sag.” Pants must be worn at the waistline.

14. Shirts with slits, that expose the midriff, may not be worn.

**ANY CLOTHING CONSIDERED BY THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO BE TOO REVEALING SHALL NOT BE WORN. STUDENTS MAY BE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL IF THEY FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES ABOVE.**

**Dress For Females:**

1. Dresses, skirts, and shorts shall be worn at the appropriate length of 5 inches above the kneecap. Dresses, skirts, and shorts with a long slit up the sides may not be worn.

2. Clothing shall not be excessively low in front or back; dresses shall not be backless.

3. Appropriate under garments shall be worn.

4. Hats, head scarves, headbands, rollers, sunglasses, or any other headwear which may interrupt the education process shall not be worn on campus during normal school hours.

5. Shirts and blouses shall be long enough to cover the stomach.

6. If a hoodie is worn, the hood **MAY NOT** be worn inside the building.

7. Leggings may only be worn under appropriate dress-length, tunic-style garments. Leggings/Tights **ARE NOT** pants and **WILL NOT** be allowed unless one’s shirt, blouse, t-shirt, etc. covers one’s bottom.

8. Clothing advertising alcoholic beverages, drug culture, and clothing with obscene language or gestures shall not be worn.

9. Shoes shall be worn at all times; however, shower shoes, slides, flip-flops and/or slippers shall not be worn. When participating in PE class, students should wear shoes with non-marking soles.

10. No sorority jerseys or shirts shall be worn. (Mississippi School Code SEC. 37-11-39)

11. Biking shorts may not be worn.

12. All garments shall be worn in a conventional manner. A belt must be worn if pants are loose-fitting. Under **NO circumstances**, will a student be allowed to wear pants that “sag.” Pants must be worn at the waistline.

13. Shirts with slits, that expose the midriff, may not be worn.

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## **General Regulations:**

1. All students shall be clean and appropriately groomed at school.
2. Extreme or unusual grooming or dress styles, which could disrupt proper classroom atmosphere, disrupt school decorum, or would be disruptive to school discipline will not be condoned (e.g., sagging pants, hip huggers, lace-up jeans or shorts, etc.).
3. Dress or grooming that is dangerous, presents a health hazard, or is immodest, will strictly be inappropriate for school use.
4. The wearing of hats, caps, hoods on hoodies or toboggans will not be allowed in the buildings or on any school buses.
5. Shoes and appropriate undergarments are required as a part of necessary dress.
6. Not permitted are garments that expose the midriff, tank tops without blouses or shirts, backless, strapless, or low-cut dresses, bicycle shorts, spandex type clothing, shower shoes, indecent clothing, transparent clothing, clothing with slogans and/or advertising that may be detrimental to a wholesome atmosphere, or garments that have slogans or advertisements for alcoholic or tobacco products. Also, pajamas will not be allowed to be worn to school.

**The school administration will be the judge if dress and appearance are in question.**

## **VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE**

Students and parents are reminded that the dress code is in effect both at school and at school-sponsored activities.

## **Results of Dress Code Violation:**

1. First violation results in a warning;
2. Second violation results in one-day of in-school detention; and
3. Third violation will result in the student either being assigned in-school detention for 1-3 days or suspended from school one day.