

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:

ALL: 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. **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 PE classes hats and sunglasses are permitted for sun protection).

***Hats and Sunglasses will be confiscated if worn on campus with the exception of an outside PE class.**

***Uniforms or team purchased clothing for sports, organizations, and special activities sponsored by the school and district are permitted.**

Female:

- 1. Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses:** Clothing should be an appropriate length, this also includes slits and holes. Dresses and skirts should be loose fitting.
- 2. Shirts:** Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, back and sides.
 - a. Cleavage should not be visible.
 - b. 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:** Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments (e.g. underwear, boxers, and shorts). Any pants with holes or slits that are higher than an appropriate length (when standing) are not permitted. No yoga pants/tights/form fitting pants are allowed unless the top (shirt) is 2 inches of the knee when standing. Yoga pants/ tights/form fitting pants should not be see-through or sheer.

MALE:

1. Pants:

- a. Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments (e.g. underwear, boxers, or shorts).
- b. Any pants with holes or slits that are higher than an appropriate length are not permitted.

- 1. Shorts:** shorts should be an appropriate (when standing) this also includes holes.
- 2. 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 ISS for the remainder of the day and the discipline matrix will be followed.

NOTE: The principal or the principal's designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student's apparel/appearance conforms to the dress code and hinders the education/safety of all students.