

Franklin County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: Dress Code – Middle and High School	Descriptor Code: 6.310	Issued Date: 07/12/21
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1 The Franklin County School System is committed to help create and maintain the very best learning
2 environment possible. A correlation certainly exists between appropriate attire and a positive learning
3 environment.

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

9 Some general expectations are:

- 10 1. Pants will be belted at the waist when appropriate;
- 11 2. Shirts will be collared, or crew necked, with sleeves. Shirts may be solid-colored or
12 patterned; and
- 13 3. Shirts must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders, midriffs, and cleavage.

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

- 17 1. All clothing must be clean, appropriate for school, and size appropriate. Clothing must not
18 be see-through.
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20 2. Rips, tears, or slits above fingertip length are not permitted. Rips, tears, or slits in
21 pants/shorts must be below where the fingertip strike the legs with the shoulders relaxed.
22 Students may wear clothing with rips, tears, or slits as long as leggings, tights/yoga pants
23 or compression-type clothes are worn underneath rips or tears.
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25 3. Shorts, skorts, capris, and skirts should strike the legs at the end of the fingertips with
26 shoulders relaxed.
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28 4. Tights of any kind - leggings,/jeggings, or yoga pants - worn as outer wear are not
29 permitted unless the following criteria is met: the shirt, skirt, or dress worn with the tights,
30 leggings/jeggings, or yoga pants must strike the legs at the end of the fingertips with
31 shoulders relaxed, this includes form -fitting sweaters and/or dresses.

1 5. Pants must be worn above the hip-bone; sagging/bagging is not allowed. At this time, low
2 rider and hip hugger style pants are permissible.

3 6. Footwear is required and must be worn; footwear must be safe and appropriate for indoor
4 and outdoor activities. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, house
5 shoes/bedroom slippers, and skate shoes.

6 7. Clothing and accessories including, but not limited to, book bags, backpacks, belt buckles,
7 patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not contain or have printed on them racial/ethnic
8 slurs or symbols, gang symbols/affiliations, or vulgar, obscene, subversive, sexually
9 suggestive language, symbols, or images.

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

13 Clothing or accessories shall not promote products which students may not legally buy such
14 as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and controlled substances or promote violence.

15 9. Items which are prohibited include, but may not be limited to:

16 a. Head apparel (hats/caps, hair picks, stocking caps, hair curlers, the hoods on hoodies
17 or jackets, etc.) inside the school building, except for religious or
18 medical purposes (for which doctor’s verification of need is required);

19 b. Sunglasses inside the school building, except for health purposes – doctor’s
20 verification of need is required;

21 c. Large, long, and/or heavy chains (including billfold chains); and

22 d. Trench coats, except as needed in very extreme weather.

23 e. Tattoos and other similar markings of the skin are discouraged (offensive tattoos
24 must be covered).

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

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

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

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

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1)

Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300
Suspension 6.316