

Student Dress Code

The standards of appearance for pupils shall insure that the pupils be clean, neat and properly dressed. They shall observe modes of dress, styles of hair, and standards of personal grooming which are in conformity with the studious atmosphere necessary in school and within the operational guidelines set forth by the Irwin County Board of Education. The Administration reserves the right to add to or delete from the student dress code at any time.

1. Hair styles must conform to acceptable grooming styles and standards which are basically concerned with moderation, cleanliness, and are non-disruptive by nature to the learning environment. This includes, but is not limited to, extremes in hair length, wild and exotic hair colors, noticeably disruptive hair designs that include rubber bands, or styles deemed to be a personal health hazard.
2. Proper and acceptable undergarments must be worn at all times and in a manner not to be seen.
3. Shirts must be buttoned up appropriately and **sleeveless shirts must cover shoulders.**
4. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Flip-flops and sandals are not allowed in PE and laboratory classes due to safety.
5. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be no more than three (3) inches above the kneecaps.*
6. Neat cutoff shorts are permissible without holes or slits.
7. Jewelry and other costume items must be worn in an appropriate manner and under the approval of the administration.
8. All shirts excessive in length must be tucked in. Teachers and administrators will make the final determination of proper acceptability of length.
9. All pants must be worn at the top of the hipbone or the natural waistline which is one inch below the navel.

The following modes of dress are **unacceptable**:

1. Clothing or jewelry that advertises drugs or alcoholic beverages.
2. Clothing or jewelry that bears pictures, patches, or wording that is vulgar, distasteful, offensive, or suggestive.
3. Tank tops, fishnet shirts, halter tops, strapless or spaghetti-string tops or dresses, or shirts which show bare midriffs. Any see-through clothing is unacceptable.
4. Dresses or tops showing cleavage.
5. Sweat pants or pants and/or skirts/dresses that are too tight, including tights and/or "jeggings" unless worn with other apparel that meets dress code requirements.
6. Headbands, hat, bandanas and sunglasses. Habitual violators will have these items confiscated.
7. Bedroom slippers.
8. Clothes bearing holes, tears, or shreds that show skin above the acceptable dress code line.
9. Umbros or umbro-type shorts.
10. Sagging pants, coveralls, or jumpsuits.
11. Pajama bottoms.
12. Coats or jackets that fall below the knee.
13. No visible body piercings, including gauges, with the exception of earrings.
14. Picks or combs in hair.
15. Chains or jewelry that could possibly be used as a weapon. Examples: wallets with chains, dog chains, necklaces with large medallions, etc.
16. Short shirts that come to the belt line, but are not long enough to tuck in or shirts that rise up when a student is seated.

Discipline for any dress code violation:

1st Offense - Warning and a chance to correct dress.

2nd Offense - 2 days of Detention

3rd Offense - 2 days of Time Out or ISS

4th Offense - May result in ISS, OSS, or referral to ICBS Disciplinary Tribunal.

*Third time violators of the three (3) inch shorts/skirt rule will not be allowed to wear shorts/skirts for the remainder of the semester.