

Troy City Schools DRESS CODE

The policy of Troy City Board of Education is that good grooming and personal appearance are part of a successful teaching and learning process. It is expected that students will dress in such a manner that will help promote an environment conducive to learning as well as ensure the health and safety of all students of Troy City Schools. Students in all grades (Pre-K through 12th Grade) must dress in a manner that will ensure health and safety, will not be distracting to others, and is not disruptive to the learning and educational process. The school principal or his/her designee will have the final decision in determining whether apparel meets the dress code. At any time, the administration has the authority to limit or adjust what may be worn.

Students determined to be in violation of the dress code will be required to change their clothing to comply with the dress code. If a student must checkout of school in order to change their clothing, the absence will be marked as unexcused. If violations become chronic, additional consequences may include In-School Suspension or Alternative School Placement.

District Wide Grades PreK-12 Guidelines

1. Clothing should fit properly; be the correct size for the student's body size and type.
2. Clothing must be in good taste for the age and maturity of the student, safe, and not a distraction to others.
3. Any apparel or appearance that may be distracting in the classroom (as deemed by the school administration) is not permitted.
4. Clothing that displays immoral or illegal behavior is not permitted. Any article of clothing, apparel, jewelry or haircut with words, colors, patterns (ex: bandana) or pictures depicting gangs, gang slogans or symbols, violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, mutilation or language found by the administration to be obscene or vulgar will not be permitted.
5. Undergarments must be worn in an appropriate manner and not be visible.
6. Clothing that is not able to provide coverage to undergarments and private body areas at all times, and during all activities, is not permitted. This includes clothing with rips, tears, or holes that expose underwear or private areas of the body.
7. Students may not wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner. Examples of this include, but are not limited to the following: clothing that is too tight, too short, bare at the mid-driff, bare at the sides, sheer or see-through clothing, etc.
8. Students cannot wear jewelry or accessories that may distract other students or interfere with the learning environment. Items such as heavy metal chains, spikes, etc. are not permitted.
9. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes, slippers, shoes with cleats, and shoes with wheels are not permitted. Tennis shoes/ sneakers must be worn during physical education classes. Shoes must be tied or secured with velcro straps at all times.

Dress Code for Elementary School Grades PreK-6

School administrators will have the authority to allow for variances that are appropriate to students in this age range.

Dress Code for Grades PreK-12

Tops

1. Tops must have shoulder sleeves that have a minimum two (2") wide shoulder strap. This includes T-shirts.
2. Tops that reveal the body in an inappropriate manner are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to mid-driffs, bare at the sides, sundresses, "spaghetti strap" type tops, Racer backs, off-the-shoulder tops, low-cut front or low-cut tops, tops that show cleavage, sheer or see-through clothing, etc.
3. T-shirts that extend below four (4) inches from the top of the kneecap must be tucked in.
4. Men's style undershirts are not permitted to be worn unless concealed under an acceptable shirt/top garment.

Head Gear

1. Students may not wear hats or head coverings. Bandanas in school buildings, on school premises, and at school-related functions are not allowed.
 - a. Exceptions to this prohibition on head coverings include religious purposes which have been approved prior to wearing.

Pants, Skirts, Dresses, and Shorts

1. Pants must be worn at the waist level.
2. Pants that are too tight or allow for exposure of undergarments are not permitted.
3. Baggy, overly loose-fitting pants must be worn with a belt. No sagging pants
4. Pants or Jeans that have holes above the knee must have material beneath them.
5. Students may not wear pajamas or loungewear.
6. The length of skirts, dresses, and shorts (front and back) must be deemed appropriate and must conform to the "mid-thigh rule". No slits or leg openings can be higher than mid-thigh above the top of the kneecap.
7. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must conform to the "mid-thigh rule" regardless of whether they are worn with tights, panty hose, or bare legs.
8. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be appropriate whether the student is standing or sitting.
9. Leggings are not considered pants and must be covered with appropriate clothing that extends to the mid-thigh.
10. Shorts must conform to the "mid-thigh rule". Nylon type spandex shorts (ex. bike shorts) are not permitted.
11. Wind pants, sweatpants, and joggers are allowed as long as they follow dress code.

*Situations may arise that are not expressly covered by the dress code. In that event, the principal or his/her designee may handle these situations on a case-by-case basis. School personnel and principals may evaluate any hairstyle, hair color, article of clothing, or other student clothing or display item that may be considered a violation of this dress code and/or a distraction to the educational process on a case-by-case basis and the principal or his/her designee will be authorized to make a determination as to whether a violation of the dress code has been committed by the subject student(s).

In addition to and not in abrogation of any disciplinary measures stated above for violation of this policy, the following shall apply:

CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILING TO ADHERE TO THE DRESS CODE

First Offense: The student will be sent to the office to change clothes

Second Offense: In-school Suspension

Third Offense: In-school Suspension with parent conference

Additional Offenses: In-school Suspension or ALC assignment at the principal's or his/her designee's discretion

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