

## Dress Code 6.310

Maury County Schools recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming has upon student behavior and commitment to learning. We further recognize the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and to prepare students for working environments, Maury County Schools requires that all students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire considered disruptive or risky to health or safety is not appropriate.

With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory to students in elementary, middle and high school grades.

### **Definition of Standard School Attire Includes the Following:**

Acceptable Attire in Maury County Schools

- A) Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, skorts, jeans, or jumpers in any colors.
- B) Shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar in any colors or pattern. EXCEPTION: collars are not required for elementary.
- C ) No clothing shall be modified
- D) Sweaters will be allowed in any pattern or color worn over an approved school shirt.
- E) Sweatshirts will be allowed in any pattern or color.
- F) School sponsored t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets may be worn.

### **General Requirements**

1. The Standard School Attire policy will be in effect during the school year, intersession and summer program.
2. Students will wear clothing of appropriate size. Appropriate sizes are defined as no more than one size smaller or one size larger than the student's actual clothing size. Pants, shorts, capri pants, skorts, jeans, or skirts must fit at the waist and must not sag or bag.  
(Sagging is defined as bottom wear being worn below the waistline.)  
(Bagging is defined as bottom wear being worn not size appropriate.)
3. The district will not require specific brands of clothing. No writing is allowed on clothing except for logos, monograms representing the student's initials, or manufacturer trademarks; all of which may be no larger than two inches. Authorized school logos are permitted.
4. All clothing must be hemmed.
5. Appropriate clothing must cover the student from the shoulders to three inches above the knee.

### **Bottom Wear**

1. Full-length pants, cropped pants, and straight-legged capri pants are permitted. Pants, capri pants, and shorts must be dress style or casual-dress style (e.g., Dockers®). Jeans and/or pants must be straight-leg or boot-cut.
2. Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts with elastic waistbands must be worn at the waist and do not require a belt. All other pants, shorts, skirts and skorts must be worn at the waist, and those with belt loops must be worn with a belt. EXCEPTION: belts are not required for elementary.
3. Shorts, jumpers, dresses, skirts or skorts in any color or pattern may be worn but must be no shorter than 3" above the top of the knee.

## **Top Wear**

1. Dresses or shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar in any color or pattern are acceptable. EXCEPTION: collars are not required for elementary.
2. All blouses and shirts should be properly buttoned. Chests and midriffs must be covered. Blouse / shirt material must not be see through.

## **Foot Wear**

1. Standard Footwear (shoes, boots, athletic shoes, and sandals with or without a thong between the toes) may be worn.
2. House shoes or skate shoes will not be allowed.
3. Laces on shoes or sneakers must be tied.

## **Additional Clothing**

A single blazer, suit jacket, vest, cardigan, windbreaker, or light jacket is permitted as a garment that may be worn over the Standard Attire top. These garments must be sized according to the General Requirements section of this policy and must not extend below the hips. Logos, with the exception of school pride logos, must not be larger than 2".

## **Special Situations:**

1. Schools may develop and promote special dress for students at the discretion of the school administration (i.e. Homecoming, School Spirit, etc.)
2. If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs or medical reasons his or her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the school principal with a copy to the Director of Schools. Approval or denial will be determined on an individual case-by-case basis.
3. School standard attire will be the minimum policy for students in Career and Technical Education Classes. Career and Technical Teachers may extend the policy to include apparel and footwear required by safety rules of each shop or lab.

## **Standard School Attire Prohibitions**

1. Blouses or shirts without buttons along the front opening are not acceptable as the primary Standard Attire shirt. EXCEPTION: buttons are not required for elementary
2. No bare midriffs are allowed, and tops will not reveal cleavage.
3. Ripped, cut, or torn clothing is prohibited. In addition, no see-through or clothing with holes may be worn.
4. Coats may be worn entering or exiting of the building. Coats shall not be worn in the classroom during the day. The administration will announce exceptions to the guidelines if facilities indicate the need.
5. Logos or manufacturers' trademarks with writing or images of substances that are illegal for teens (i.e., drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) or are otherwise offensive, lewd, indecent, vulgar, obscene, profane, gang-related or constitute racial or ethnic slurs may not be worn.
6. Writings, symbols, or logos may not be vulgar, obscene, or disruptive to the school environment or derogatory to any individual or group (including but not limited to scrolling belt buckles).
7. Chains, spiked accessories and belt buckles with concealed weapons are not permissible. Belts may not hang down as a "tail" from the belt loop.
8. Any type of clothing or personal item bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, logos, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being suggestive, obscene, or offensive, such as references to death, the occult, Satanism, etc., is not allowed.
9. "Gang" related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not allowed.

10. Tattoos shall be covered.

11. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing vision.

12. Hats, bandanas, hoods worn on head, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves or sunglasses will not be allowed except for medical reasons.

13. Jewelry ornaments or accessories which distract from the educational process or which present a safety concern will not be allowed. Body-piercing jewelry or accessories are not allowed except to the ears.

14. Extreme facial makeup that is disruptive to the educational environment will not be allowed.

**Standard School Attire Provisions**

1. Students participating in the JROTC program of their school may wear their JROTC uniform on days designated by the school.

2. Approved head coverings worn as a part of a student's bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall not be prohibited under this policy.

STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES AS PER BOARD POLICY 6.300.

Legal Reference:

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