

5.7 DRESS AND DECORUM

The policy of the Blount County Board of Education is that good grooming and personal appearances are essential elements in the teaching and learning process. Therefore, it is expected that students dress in such a manner that will ensure health and safety, and not detract from the learning environment. Furthermore, dress and personal appearance are not to be disruptive or interfere with the educational interest and welfare of the students or the purposes of public school education.

Any student violating the dress code may be suspended for the remainder of the school day and may receive unexcused absences in the classes missed. The principal or his/her designated person(s) has the authority to determine inappropriate dress.

Repeat offenders are subject to further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the principal/designee. (2)

Principals can specify dress code for specific events, i.e. graduation, prom, etc. (5)

A. Student Dress Code

Students must be neatly dressed, clean, and well groomed while at school. Clothing must be suited for school activities.

Students in grades K-12 are prohibited from wearing excessively loose clothing including shirts, tops, pants, and shorts.

Pants should be of the appropriate size in the waist and inseam. Pants are not allowed that sag off the hips.

Trench coats are also prohibited.

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Students in grades 4-12 are prohibited from wearing short shorts, short culottes, sheer mesh or net clothing, backless clothing, extremely tight pants, tank tops or muscle shirts, ⁽⁶⁾shirts with sleeves cut off at the shoulder, or clothing that exposes a bare midriff. (3)Shirts must be buttoned. For students in grades 4-12, clothing, cuts, slits, or tears in clothing should not exceed four inches above the knee. (1) Extremely tight clothing shall be prohibited.⁽⁷⁾Leggings and other tightly fitting pants must be covered with clothing that meets the four inch standard stated above.

Clothing or any item attached to or worn on clothing or on a person's body, with pictures, symbols, or writing conveying a message about alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, having a sexual connotation, containing any obscenity, or containing any foul or abusive language is prohibited on the school campus.⁽⁵⁾ No writing on back (seat) of pants, jeans, shorts, sweatpants, etc. for K-12 grade male and female students, including cheerleaders and all athletes.

Shoes or sandals must be worn.

Hats, headwear or head coverings, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside school buildings.

Students will be prohibited from wearing any apparel which is inappropriate or disruptive to the learning environment as determined by the principal.

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