

Meigs County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in February	Descriptor Term: Dress Code	Descriptor Code: 6.310	Issued Date: 03/09/17
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2 The Board recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming have upon student behavior and
3 commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making
4 appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an
5 atmosphere conducive to learning and to prepare students for working environments, the Board shall
6 require that all students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. At-
7 tire considered disruptive or risky to health or safety is not appropriate.
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9 The following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory to students in grades 6-12.

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11 **Top Wear:** Shirts and blouses must be collared with one-half or full sleeves. Shirts
12 and blouses button in front. Shirts and blouses must be tucked into pants
13 or skirts. No denim, camo, or non-school approved graphic design are al-
14 lowed. School approved logos are acceptable.

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16 A long sleeve crewneck, sweater vest or sweatshirt may be worn inside
17 the building over the approved shirt with the collar visible. When wearing
18 a hooded sweatshirt, a collared shirt is not required. The sweater is not
19 to be draped or tied over the shoulder or around the waist. Pant pocket(s)
20 openings must be visible.

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22 **Bottom Wear:** Bottom wear must be dress or casual style cotton twill pants in solid colors
23 only.

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25 No denim allowed. Pants must meet the following guidelines: Pants must
26 be standard four pocket with only watch pocket as a fifth pocket, colors
27 must be solid or a uniform blend, pants must have belt loops and made
28 in a design that is suitable for the waistline of the pants to be worn above
29 the hipbone.

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31 Pants cannot have large pockets, any designs, extra zippers or loops. If
32 a student has any question concerning pants, that student must have any
33 pants that are in question approved by administrators of the school prior
34 to wearing to school.

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36 All bottom wear must be size appropriate and be worn securely around
37 the waist. Size appropriate means that the waistband must be above the
38 hipbone. Pants with the crotch hanging down are not permitted. Excessive
39 material in the legs is not permitted. Nothing may hang from any pocket.
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2		Examples of unacceptable bottom wear are (but are not limited to): capri,
3		cargo pants, overalls, carpenter jeans, large bell-bottoms, shorts, skorts,
4		knit, polyester, nylon, parachute cloth, spandex, leather and suede. Tight
5		fitting stretch pants will not be allowed. Sweat suits or warm up suits will
6		not be allowed.
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8	Skirts/dresses:	Skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer and slits no more than
9		three (3) inches above the knee. Dresses must have sleeves and a collar or
10		be worn over a top with appropriate sleeves and collar. Skirts and dresses
11		are required to be solid in color. No denim.
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13	Coats:	Coats are not to be worn inside the building. Exceptions may be made by
14		the school principal on cold days.
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16	Belts:	Belts are required for all bottom wear made with belt loops. Belts may be
17		leather or fabric and have a plain buckle. Belts must be clearly visible all
18		the way around the waist. Belt buckles must not depict or suggest messages
19		that are insulting to race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.
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21	All Apparel:	All clothing must be hemmed and must not have excessive or revealing
22		holes, rips, tears, cuts, or frayed edges.
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24		Wellness, gym, band, and shop-related (vocational classes) will wear course
25		appropriate dress while in that class.
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27	Headwear:	No hats, bandannas, hoods, sweatbands, curlers, rollers or sunglasses will
28		be worn in the building except for medical reasons.
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30	Jewelry/Accessories:	Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments or accessories which distract
31		from the educational process. Body-piercing jewelry is not allowed except
32		in the ears. Heavy metal chains (such as those made of steel, chrome, alloy,
33		etc.) and look-alikes that are not formal jewelry are not allowed around
34		the neck, waist, or hanging from the waist into the pocket. Students may
35		not wear metal-spiked apparel or similar accessories.
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37		Improper jewelry will be taken up and returned by the school principal at
38		the end of the semester.
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40	Shoes:	Leather, suede or athletic type shoes are to be worn. Shoes must have a
41		closed toe.
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43	Tattoos, Makeup, Gloves:	Tattoos should be covered if possible. Students are not to wear extreme
44		facial makeup that is disruptive to the educational environment. Gloves
45		shall not be worn inside the building.
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47	Hair:	All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not
48		considered unclean, or impairing vision. Students are not to have hair
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2 sprayed or in unnatural colors (such as blue, pink, green, or yellow), spiked
3 hair, or mohawks.

Special Dress:

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5 Schools may develop special dress days/special dress occasions for students
6 at the of the school administration (examples: cheerleaders, FFA, FCCLA,
7 trips, Spirit Week). Other special circumstances for students and employees
8 determined by school administrator (ex. pregnancy).

Special Situations:

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10 If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on
11 religious beliefs, his/her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining
12 the situation to the director of schools with a copy to the school principal.
13 The principal may waive any of the dress code if it is in his opinion it
14 creates a hardship - ex. weight, medical. Each case will be dealt with on
15 an individual basis.

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17 Backpacks and bookbags may be carried. They must be free of profane or disrespectful language or
18 messages.

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20 The first offense of this policy shall simply be to ask the student to correct the situation.

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22 The second offense of this policy shall be that the student will be placed in in-school suspension for
23 one (1) day and be required to copy the dress code.

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25 The third offense of wearing any item violating dress code shall be for the student to be sent home.

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27 Continued violations may result in longer suspensions and/or a referral to the Discipline Board.

Cross References:

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46 Discipline Procedures 6.313
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