

Dress Code ([see policy JCDB](#))

A student who is not attired appropriately or exhibits grooming which is detrimental and/or causes a disruption to the educational environment shall be asked to refrain from wearing the inappropriate attire in the future and/or shall be required to make arrangements for more suitable or appropriate dress to be brought to the school. If the arrangement for more suitable clothing requires the student to be absent from class, the absence will be designated as unexcused. The student will be placed in ISS until the student's clothing meets District dress code policy.

It should be a matter of personal pride for a student of the Tupelo Public School District to maintain high standards of neatness and appropriateness of dress and appearance. Therefore, the following guidelines will be observed.

Grades 9-12

1. The minimum length for shorts is three inches above the knee.
2. Holes, tears, and/or shreds above the knee that expose skin, undergarments and inappropriate areas are prohibited.
3. The minimum length for dresses and skirts without leggings is knee length and shall also be appropriate for bending, stooping, sitting, and working overhead while at school.
4. Transparent clothing without proper underclothing is prohibited.
5. Muscle shirts, tube tops, tank tops, racer back tops, spaghetti strap tops, and fish-net tops are prohibited. Tops that expose undergarments (brassiere, camisole, etc.) and/or shoulder blades are prohibited.
6. No clothing top shall be so low in the front as to expose any part of the breast or shall be so low in the back to expose the shoulder blades.
7. The midriff shall not be exposed while walking, standing, and/or sitting.
8. Any article of clothing which contains or depicts the following is prohibited: substances illegal by law for minors - alcohol, drugs, tobacco; profane, suggestive, and/or violent language; derogatory symbols or remarks directed to any ethnic group.
9. Any jewelry and/or items of ornamentation which depict weapons of violence or substances illegal to minors are prohibited.
10. Hair shall be free from obnoxious odors and shall be clean and neat in appearance. Hair shall not obstruct vision, and hair shall not be extreme in color. Picks, combs, and rollers shall not be worn in the hair.
11. Basketball jerseys shall not be worn without appropriate underclothing.
12. Shoes and/or sandals shall be worn. Shoes designed to be laced shall be laced. Shoes with cleats and house shoes are prohibited.
13. Loose and/or sagging pants, slacks, and shorts falling below the waist without a belt are prohibited.
14. Leggings, jeggings, and tights worn by themselves are prohibited, however, they may be worn with an appropriate length shorts, skirts, dresses, or shirts that are no more than three inches above the knee.
15. Sunglasses will be removed from the head when entering a building.
16. Hats, caps, or other head covering with a brim, unless a part of a TPSD athletic uniform, shall not be brought to school. A practicing physician's statement permitting a headdress for a specific period of time will be permitted. The penalty for bringing a hat or cap to school is confiscation. The hat or cap will be returned to the student upon completion of the school year.
17. Piercings of exposed body parts that cause a distraction or cause a safety concern are prohibited. Tongue piercings are prohibited.
18. Skull caps, Doo-rags, bandannas, bonnets, and washcloths are prohibited.
19. All fasteners and buckles designed for use with an article of clothing shall be used appropriately at all times.
20. Restrictions on a student's manner of dress or grooming will be determined: (a) where there is a clear and present danger to the student's or other students' health and safety; or (b) when the attire causes an interference with work, a disruption to the educational environment, or (c) creates classroom or school disorder as a result of such manner of dress or grooming.
21. Trench coats or other items of clothing which could be utilized to conceal dangerous items are prohibited.
22. Pajama pants or pajama clothing is prohibited.
23. Tutus are prohibited.
24. Biking shorts, compression shorts, and sliders are prohibited however, they may be worn under appropriate length shorts, skirts, or dresses that are no more than three inches above the knee.