

# Rhea County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in March</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Standardized Dress Code (Grades 6-12)</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.3101</b>	Issued Date: <b>08/12/21</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.3101</b>	Issued: <b>11/13/08</b>

1 Students shall be well groomed and appropriately dressed in a modest manner to promote an orderly  
 2 educational atmosphere. Any apparel, dress, tattoo, or grooming that is potentially disruptive of the  
 3 educational process will not be permitted. Students are to adhere to the dress code during school and  
 4 during school sponsored events occurring within school hours.

5 The following shall NOT be worn at school or school sponsored events during school hours.

- 6 • Apparel with messages or pictures regarding drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and violence, and
- 7 logos that are obscene, crude, vulgar, or sexual
- 8 • Clothing or accessories that denote an affiliation with any gang associated with criminal
- 9 activity, safety hazards, or security risk
- 10 • Clothing with logos or messages that are offensive to an ethnic or a religious group
- 11 • Pajama type clothing
- 12 • Spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter tops, mesh and sheer tops
- 13 • Undergarments worn as outer garments
- 14 • Clothing with holes above the knee
- 15 • Trench coats
- 16 • Caps, hats, bandanas, headbands, headscarves, hoodies over the head for boys or girls
- 17 • Non-natural hair colors
- 18 • Sleeveless tops or dresses
- 19 • Bedroom slippers or "heely" shoes
- 20 • Heavy metal chains that are deemed dangerous
- 21 • Sunglasses and tinted glasses

22 *BOTTOM WEAR (waist & below) – Pants, skirts, shorts, skorts*

23 Bottom wear must be appropriately sized and worn securely around the waist and should not be  
 24 bagging or sagging. Wind suits, sweat pants, tight fitting knit pants, leggings, spandex shorts, boxer  
 25 shorts, and biker shorts are not permitted.

26 Skirts, shorts, or skorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.

27 Bib overalls may be worn as long as galluses and side closures are fastened.

28 *TOP WEAR (waist & above)*

1 All tops should have sleeves with modest necklines without revealing cleavage and should be size  
2 appropriate.

3 Shirts and pants or skirts must meet when elbows are raised to the height of the shoulder exposing no  
4 bare midriffs.

#### 5 *DRESSES & SKIRTS*

6 Dresses and skirts may be worn provided the length is no shorter than mid-thigh. All dresses must have  
7 sleeves. Leggings can only be worn underneath dresses and skirts of appropriate length.

#### 8 *JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES*

9 Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the educational  
10 process, such as excessively noisy jewelry and/or belts. All body piercing jewelry outside of the ears  
11 must be studs. Students may not wear metal spiked apparel or similar accessories.

#### 12 *SHOES*

13 Shoes must be worn at all times.

#### 14 *HAIR*

15 All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean,  
16 or impairing vision. Students are not to have: sprayed or dyed in unnatural colors, (such as blue, pink,  
17 green, orange, etc.) spiked hair or mohawks.

#### 18 *SPECIAL DRESS DAYS*

19 Any school may develop special dress days for special occasions at the direction of the principal.

#### 20 *SPECIAL EVENTS*

21 Special events include programs or events occurring outside of the routine of the normal  
22 school day (award days, dances, homecoming, prom, etc.). The dress code at special events  
23 shall have additional criteria that shall be followed.

- 24 • All necklines shall be modest
- 25 • Backless dresses shall not be permitted
- 26 • Bare mid riffs shall not be permitted
- 27 • Length of dresses and skirts shall be to top of the knee

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1 *SPECIAL SITUATIONS*

2 If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs, his or her parent  
3 or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the Director of Schools with a copy to the  
4 school principal. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

5 *NOTE:* The final decision as to what is appropriate or acceptable for dress at school will be made by  
6 the principal or designee.