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| **Cumberland County Board of Education** | | | |
| Monitoring:  **Review: Annually, in March** | Descriptor Term:  **Dress Code** | Descriptor Code:  **6.310** | Issued Date:  **04/27/23** |
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1. The Cumberland County Board of Education recognizes and understands that there is a strong correlation
2. between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment. To help create not only the best learning
3. environment but also the safest, expectations for student dress have been established. The dress code is
4. intended to reduce the likelihood of distraction or disruption to the daily academic focus and operation
5. of the school. Instruction is interrupted when a student is referred to an administrator for inappropriate
6. dress. If, in the judgement of the administration or staff, a student is dressed inappropriately, the student
7. will be required to change clothing.
8. The principal may allow expectations for school wide programs, special classroom activities, recognition
9. of religious practices or medical issues.
10. It is essential that students respect the learning environment by being appropriately dressed for school.
11. The purpose of the student dress code is not to inhibit any person’s taste or attire, but rather to better
12. facilitate the process of education through reasonable guidelines of dress, instilling dignity, and pride.
13. Students shall dress and be groomed in a clean, neat, appropriate, and modest manner so as not to distract
14. or interfere with the educational process or cause a safety hazard.1 Students are required to adhere to the
15. provisions of this code during school hours (whether on or off campus) and while in attendance at school-
16. sponsored events.
17. It shall be the responsibility of the school administration to develop administrative guidelines that
18. provide clarity and uniformity to the application of this policy. As part of the development of these
19. administrative guidelines, building administrators shall set forth uniform and consistent consequences
20. of dress code violations.

# Student Dress Code Procedures/Expectations

1. The principal’s judgment shall prevail in all matters regarding the application of these rules.
2. All Students K-12
3. 1. The following shall NOT be worn at school or school sponsored events during regular school
4. hours for ALL students.
5. a. Clothing or accessories that denote affiliation with any gang associated with criminal
6. activity or a safety hazard or security risk
7. b. Ill-fitting clothing such as saggy/baggy pants or pants dragging the floor.
8. c. Excessively oversized clothing including but not limited to coats and/or trench/duster
9. style.
10. d. From a relaxed standing posture, clothing exposing skin mid-thigh or higher (no skin
11. showing).

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* 1. e. Clothing/tattoos with suggestive or inappropriate slogans, vulgar captions, or
  2. advertisements for tobacco, alcohol, or drug products
  3. f. Caps, hats, or headscarves, for boys or girls, will not be worn inside.
  4. g. Form-fitting/body-fitting clothes or clothes with revealing necklines.
  5. h. No pajamas.

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1. 2. In addition, the following rules shall be enforced for all students:
2. a. Any color or style of shoes may be worn, with the exception of “heely” or bedroom
3. slipper type of shoes.
4. b. Shirts or tops with leggings shall be worn so that its length appropriately covers front
5. and behind.
6. c. From a relaxed standing posture, without leggings, shorts/skirts/dresses will be no
7. higher than mid-thigh. Slits in skirts/dresses will be no higher than mid-thigh.
8. d. No tinted glasses/sunglasses are permitted to be worn inside the building unless
9. prescribed by a doctor.
10. e. Large heavy jewelry chains, and any jewelry, that could be deemed harmful or
11. dangerous, will not be permitted.
12. f. Valuable clothing and jewelry are discouraged.
13. g. Shirt and blouse length may not be so short that students raising their elbows to the
14. height of his or her shoulder exposes midriff and must cover at least 3” of the shoulder
15. so as not to reveal the torso or undergarments. Halter tops, tank tops, cropped tops, or
16. muscle shirts that reveal a bare midriff or lower back are not allowed; no midriff bare
17. skin should be visible while standing, sitting, or raising one’s hand in class, or walking
18. in the hallways.
19. h. No costume attire or distracting clothing except on special dress days.

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1. ***Notes:***
2. 1. Special dress days may be designated by the principal to include but not limited to the
3. following examples: field days, picture days, school spirit days, etc.

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1. 2. If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code because of religious beliefs or
2. physical characteristics, the parent/guardian must provide a written explanation to the principal
3. for possible relief from certain aspects of this dress code.

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# 35 Violations may result in the following consequences:

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| 37 |  | *First Violation:* | The student will receive a written warning and the violation must be |
| 38 |  | corrected. |  |
| 39 |  | *Second Violation:* | Parents will be notified; the violation must be corrected, and a detention |
| 40 |  | will be assigned. |  |

1. *Third Violation & Subsequent Violations:* Disciplinary action at the discretion of the
2. administration.

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Legal References Cross References

* 1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1); TCA 49-1-302(j) Code of Behavior and Discipline 6.300 Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316