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| **Franklin County Board of Education** |
| Monitoring:**Review: Annually, in September** | Descriptor Term:**Dress Code – Middle and High School** | Descriptor Code:**6.310** | Issued Date:**05/08/23** |
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The Franklin County School System is committed to help create and maintain the very best learning environment possible. A correlation certainly exists between appropriate attire and a positive learning environment.

Any dress that is considered contrary to good hygiene, distractive or disruptive in appearance, detrimental to the educational environment or to the public image of the school shall not be allowed. The administration of the school reserves the right and responsibility to determine whether a student’s attire is within the limits of appropriateness for school, decency, and modesty. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail.

Some general expectations are:

1. Pants will be belted at the waist when appropriate; and

2. Shirts must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders, midriffs, and cleavage.

The following specific expectations have been established to help create and maintain the best learning environment:

1. All clothing must be clean, appropriate for school, and size appropriate. Clothing must not be see-through.

2. Rips, tears, or slits showing above midthigh length are not permitted~~.~~ Students may wear clothing with rips, tears, or slits as long as leggings, tights/yoga pants or compression-type clothes are worn underneath rips or tears.

3. Shorts, skorts, capris, dresses and skirts should strike the legs at midthigh.

4. Tights of any kind - leggings,/jeggings, or yoga pants - worn as outer wear are not permitted unless the following criteria is met: the shirt, skirt, or dress worn with the tights, leggings/jeggings, or yoga pants must strike the legs at midthigh.

5. Pants must be worn above the hip-bone; sagging/bagging is not allowed.

6. Footwear is required and must be worn; footwear must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activities. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, house shoes/bedroom slippers, and skate shoes.

7. Clothing and accessories including, but not limited to, book bags, backpacks, belt buckles, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not contain or have printed on themracial/ethnic slurs or symbols, gang symbols/affiliations, or vulgar, obscene, subversive, sexually suggestive language, symbols, or images.

 Clothing and accessories such as book bags, backpacks, belt buckles, patches, jewelry and

 notebooks shall not be derogatory to any individual or groups, or disruptive to the school

 environment.

Clothing or accessories shall not promote products which students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and controlled substances or promote violence.

8. Items which are prohibited include, but may not be limited to:

1. Hoods on outerwear and hoodies may not be worn inside the school building;
2. Sunglasses inside the school building, except for health purposes – doctor’s verification of need is required;
3. Large, long, and/or heavy chains (including billfold chains); and
4. Offensive tattoos must be covered.

The director of schools may allow exceptions for some of the above listed items for special school activities.

Appropriate corrective/disciplinary action will be taken by the school administration if a student comes to school in clothing that is not deemed to be appropriate. The principal’s discretion shall prevail in regard to appropriate attire for all after-school activities.

The Board expects the Director of Schools to require all principals and all certificated personnel to enforce the above dress code in a consistent manner.

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| Legal References | Cross References |
| 1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1)
 | Code of Conduct 6.300 Suspension 6.316 |