

## **DYERSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Students shall dress in a clean, neat and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school. General guidelines for attire are set forth below:

**FOOTWEAR:** Shoes must be worn. No flip-flops, house shoes or shoe skates.

**SOCKS:** Socks are not required.

**PANTS (GRADES 6-8):** Pants must fit at the waist and inseam. No sagging. Males must wear a black or brown belt that remains visible at all times. Pants should be one solid color (black, khaki, or gray) with no wording other than factory logo. Pants cannot be gathered at the bottom or have rips or tears. Pants should have no lace, beads or other embellishments. All pants male or female should have belt loops and/or pockets. No gym-type shorts, leggings, or spandex can be worn as acceptable dress code pants.

**DRESSES/SHORTS/SKIRTS/CAPRIS/GAUCHOS:** Must **not** be **above** the **knee** when standing. Must be black, khaki, or gray. (No gym-type shorts, leggings, or spandex) Dresses must have collars that follow the same rule as shirts.

**SHIRTS:** Should be **one color (black, white, gray, or gold), collared (polo, button-up dress shirt), with appropriate buttons to the top of the garment.** Only the top button can be unbuttoned. Long or short sleeve are acceptable, and should not have displays other than a school approved emblem or small brand logo. No wording. Males should have shirttails tucked in and belt line visible. Females can wear shirt tails out, but they must extend to at least mid-pocket on the pants but not below the bottom of the pocket. There should be no gaps between shirt and pants when sitting.

\*\*Clear, lace, and see through collared shirts, sweaters, or collared button-up shirts require a school approved collar shirt or foundational garment (single color black, white, gray, or gold) undershirts, (turtleneck, or mock turtleneck) worn underneath it.

**FOUNDATION GARMENTS:** Single color (black, white, gray, or gold) undershirts, turtleneck or mock turtleneck may be worn as undergarments. Foundation garments must be worn tucked in and under an acceptable shirt.

**HEADWEAR:** Headwear is not permitted in school. Only prescription glasses are permitted. No sunglasses.

**COATS/JACKETS:** Plain black, white, gray or gold sweatshirts or School sweatshirts (pullover or zip up) may be worn over an approved collared shirt. (**No Hoodies**) Jackets and headwear worn in winter must be removed upon arrival. No Hoodies are allowed in any area of the school building.

**EARRINGS/PIERCINGS:** Earrings that do not cause a distraction are permitted. A student may wear a small nose stud that is not distracting or presents a safety issue.

**JEWELRY:** Jewelry must not be distracting, a safety issue or contain gang paraphernalia.

**SPECIAL DAYS:** These are days set aside by the school administration to allow variation in the dress codes, such as spirit day. Dates will be announced and all clothing must be appropriate as defined by the principal on those days.

**NOTES:** Students who transfer into DCS during the year and cannot adhere to dress code immediately may submit a request to school principal upon admission to school for assistance.

No student's appearance should distract from or in any way disrupt the educational process.

Parents who do not wish for their children to wear standardized dress because of religious beliefs or medical reasons must submit their reasons in writing to the school principal.

***Compliance/Dress Code Consequences:***

- First Violation – verbal reprimand
- Second Violation – detention/parent contact/minor referral
- Third Violation – Parent conference and bring appropriate clothing to school
- Fourth Violation – Principal's Detention
- Fifth Violation – Major Referral