

Maury County Board of Education

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| Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March | Descriptor Term: Dress Code | Descriptor Code: 6.310 | Issued Date: 05/02/16 |
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1 Maury County Schools recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming has upon student
2 behavior and commitment to learning. We further recognize the role of parents in assisting their children
3 in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to
4 maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and to prepare students for working environments, Maury
5 County Schools requires that all students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal
6 appearance. Attire considered disruptive or risky to health or safety is not appropriate.

7 With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory to students in
8 elementary, middle and high school grades.

9 **Definition of Standard School Attire Includes the Following:**

10 Acceptable Attire in Maury County Schools

- 11 A. Pants, shorts, capri pants, skirts, skorts, jeans, or jumpers in any colors.
- 12 B. Shirts or dresses with short or long sleeves in any colors or pattern.
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- 14 C. No clothing shall be modified.
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- 16 D. Sweaters will be allowed in any pattern or color worn over an approved school shirt.
- 17 E. Sweatshirts will be allowed in any pattern or color.
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- 19 F. Appropriate t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets may be worn.
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21 **General Requirements**

- 23 1. The Standard School Attire policy will be in effect during the school year, intersession and
24 summer program.
- 25 2. Students will wear clothing of appropriate size. Appropriate sizes are defined as no more than
26 one size smaller or one size larger than the student's actual clothing size. Pants, shorts, capri
27 pants, skorts, jeans, or skirts must fit at the waist and must not sag or bag. (Sagging is defined
28 as bottom wear being worn below the waistline.)
29 (Bagging is defined as bottom wear being worn not size appropriate.)
- 30 3. Appropriate clothing must cover the student from the shoulders to three inches above the knee.
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32 Bottom Wear

- 33 1. Full-length pants and jeans, cropped pants, and capri pants are permitted.
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35 2. Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts must be worn at the waist.
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37 3. Shorts, jumpers, dresses, skirts or skorts in any color or pattern may be worn but must be no
38 shorter than 3” above the top of the knee.
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40 4. Leggings, yoga pants, and tights in any color or pattern may be worn as long as worn under a
41 shirt, shorts, skirt, pants, jeans, or skorts that covers to at least three inches above the knee.
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43 Top Wear

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45 1. Shirts or dresses with short or long sleeves in any color or pattern are acceptable.
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48 2. Chests and midriffs must be covered. Blouse / shirt material must not be see through.
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51 Footwear

- 52 1. Standard Footwear (shoes, boots, athletic shoes, and sandals with or without a thong between
53 the toes) may be worn.
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55 2. House shoes or skate shoes will not be allowed.
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57 3. Laces on shoes or sneakers must be tied.
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67 Additional Clothing

68 A single blazer, suit jacket, vest, cardigan, windbreaker, or light jacket is permitted as a garment that
69 may be worn over the Standard Attire top. These garments must be sized according to the General
70 Requirements section of this policy and must not extend below the hips.

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72 Special Situations

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74 1. Schools may develop and promote special dress for students at the discretion of the school
75 administration (i.e. Homecoming, School Spirit, etc.)

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77 2. If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs or medical
78 reasons his or her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the school principal
79 with a copy to the superintendent of schools. Approval or denial will be determined on an individual
80 case-by-case basis.

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82 3. School standard attire will be the minimum policy for students in Career and Technical Education
83 Classes. Career and Technical Teachers may extend the policy to include apparel and footwear
84 required by safety rules of each shop or lab.

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86 Standard School Attire Prohibitions

87 No bare midriffs are allowed, and tops will not reveal cleavage.

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89 Ripped, cut, or torn clothing may be worn as long as there is a layer of fabric or patches underneath.
90 In addition, no see-through clothing may be worn.

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92 Coats may be worn entering or exiting of the building. Coats shall not be worn in the classroom
93 during the day. The administration will announce exceptions to the guidelines if facilities indicate the
94 need.

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96 Logos or manufacturers' trademarks with writing or images of substances that are illegal for teens
97 (i.e., drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) or are otherwise offensive, lewd, indecent, vulgar, obscene,
98 profane, gang-related or constitute racial or ethnic slurs may not be worn.

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100 Writings, symbols, or logos may not be vulgar, obscene, or disruptive to the school environment or
101 derogatory to any individual or group (including but not limited to scrolling belt buckles).

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106 Chains, spiked accessories and belt buckles with concealed weapons are not permissible.

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108 Any type of clothing or personal item bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products,
109 drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, logos, etc., which in any
110 way can be interpreted as being suggestive, obscene, or offensive are not allowed.

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112 “Gang” related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not allowed.

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114 All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean,
115 or impairing vision.

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117 Hats, bandanas, hoods worn on head, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves or sunglasses will not be
118 allowed except for medical reasons.

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120 Jewelry ornaments or accessories which distract from the educational process or which present a
121 safety concern will not be allowed. Body-piercing jewelry or accessories are not allowed except to
122 the ears and nose.

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124 Extreme facial makeup that is disruptive to the educational environment will not be allowed.

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126 Leggings, yoga pants, and tights are not considered outerwear and may only be worn under a
127 shirt, shorts, skirt, pants, jeans, or skorts that covers to at least three inches above the knee.

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130 **Standard School Attire Provisions**

131 Students participating in the JROTC program of their school may wear their JROTC uniform on days designated
132 by the school.

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134 Approved head coverings worn as a part of a student’s bona fide religious practices or beliefs shall
135 not be prohibited under this policy.

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137 There will be a different reinforced standard attire expectation at the discretion of the Principal of the
138 alternative school and Northfield Academy.

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140 **STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY
141 CONSEQUENCES AS PER BOARD POLICY 6.300.**

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4215

Cross References

Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316

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