

Students are expected to dress appropriately while in attendance at school. This includes wearing the adopted school uniform. This policy addresses requirements for uniform dress days and dress down days. General appearance of students should be reasonable and not distracting to others. Students are expected and required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness, neatness and work place standards of dress and appearance. When questionable the school administrator will make the final determination of whether a student's attire or appearance is in conflict with the system policy. Students will comply with the following dress code.

1. Hair should be fixed in an appropriate and acceptable manner. This also means no hats, caps, sun visors, combs, scarves, rollers or bandannas. No dying hair in extreme color, such as blue, pink, green, etc. Hair must be a natural shade or tone. Sunglasses may not be worn inside. Exceptions can be made with the principal for prescription lenses.
2. No see-through garments; sheer see-through, or mesh see-through garments. Proper and acceptable undergarments will be worn at all times. Undergarments should not be visible to others.
3. Garments that are deemed too tight for the wearer in the administrators discretion will be deemed inappropriate. Excessively form fitting garments are inappropriate.
4. Shirts may be unbuttoned one (1) buttons down. No skin may be shown between the button line and the belt line. No midriff type clothing is allowed.



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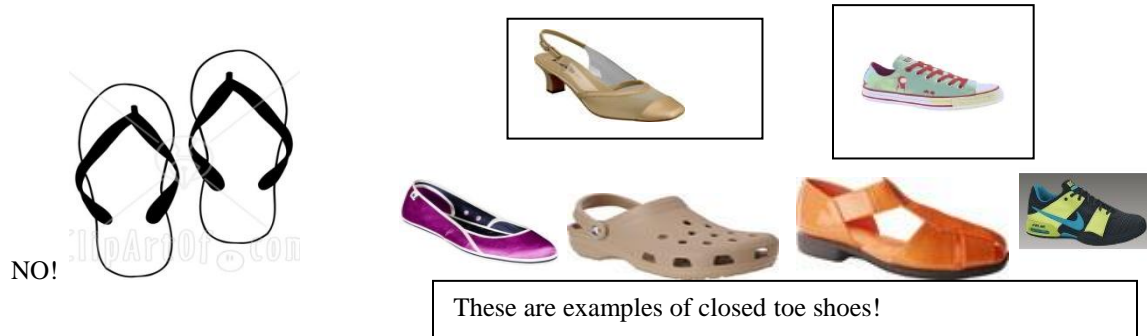


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5. Clothing such as belts, flaps, etc., must be buttoned or buckled. Overalls should be worn with tabs in place and all hardware fastened. No chained wallets.
6. Dresses, skirts, and other similar garments shall be not more than one (1) inch above the bend in the back of the knee (measurement will be taken from the top of the slit). Shorts, culottes, and other similar garments shall be no more than (1) inch above the bend of the back of the knee. Shorts and other garments with slits will be measured from the top of the slit.



7. Students are required to wear safe and appropriate shoes at all times. No flip flops, thongs, soccer sandals, heelies, bedroom shoes or similar types shoes are allowed at school. Toes of shoes must be enclosed.



8. Tank shirts and halter tops are not to be worn. Cleavage must not show - no low cut clothing. Sundresses that are low cut in the front or lower than the shoulder blades in the back are not allowed. No cutout areas in sundresses are allowed.



9. No clothing, tattoos, or jewelry bearing advertisements of alcohol or tobacco products or offensive, obscene or vulgar language will be allowed. The Jasper County Board of Education interprets this to include references of a sexual nature, either symbolic or implied, such as “Big Johnson” tee shirts; references to contraception; and insufficiently attired caricatures of individuals. Any clothing, jewelry, hair, make-up, fingernails, or any other item which causes a disruption of the school environment may be banned at the discretion of the principal. Georgia law prohibits tattoos for persons under the 18 years of age.

10. **All shirts, tops must be tucked in.** Any shirt or top that cannot be tucked in and remain tucked in cannot be worn. Exceptions may be made for seasonal jackets, coats, sweaters and sweatshirts of appropriate size that are in accordance with this policy. Trench coats are unacceptable.



11. Pants legs must not drag the floor. Students are expected to wear clothing in a normal fashion. For example, shorts/pants must be worn with the waistband around the waist.



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12. Body piercings that cause a disruption, or interfere with the learning environment will not be allowed to be visibly displayed. Students are not permitted to wear mouth grills and fronts.
13. No torn, ripped, cut or cut-off clothing of any fashion that is not permanently hemmed will be allowed.



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This will meet the Dress Code!

The administrators shall have the authority to interpret dress code and make case by case determinations for appropriateness of dress which is not covered in this policy.

**K-2 Exceptions:** The length rule for skirts and shorts will be relaxed. The rule regarding tucking in shirts and tops may be relaxed.

End of Policy:

### How to conform to the Jasper County School System Dress Code:

1. Know the dress code. Read it and don't get upset when you do. If you get upset, walk away and come back later, but read and know the dress code.
2. Go through the clothes that you have now and find what will work with the dress code and what will not work with the dress code. Separate these into school clothes and other time clothes. The other time clothes are for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.
3. If you are going shopping for clothes, don't buy what you cannot wear to school. It is not what you think you can wear but what the dress code says you can wear. Now you can fill in what you need to dress for school or other times.
4. Remember that there will be daily dress code checks during the first period of day from day 1 to 180 and there is a progressive discipline plan for dress code offenders.

5. If you feel the need to express your individuality, then know the Dress Code and use the code to your advantage. Let's say one area not addressed is jewelry then let your expression show in the amount and type of jewelry you wear. But remember, if it is distracting to others you will be asking for trouble. Let's say the code doesn't look at belts or belt buckles then there is another way to express yourself.
6. Look at this as **Dressing for Success**. When you are dressed well then you generally feel better about your self and will perform better.
7. Remember those daily dress code checks with that progressive discipline plan

### **Here is the Progressive Discipline Plan for Dress Code Violators 2009 – 2010**

*Week One: August 10 – 14*

*Daily dress code checks will begin on August 11, 2009*

*August 11 – 14*

*Tuesday August 11 and Wednesday August 12: Verbal Warnings to students and readdress the Dress Code.*

*Thursday August 13 and Friday August 14 Verbal Warnings with a phone call to parents about the dress code.*

### **Then Monday August 17 and for the next 175 days: Daily Dress Code Checks and ....**

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense** – Parent conference by phone or in person  
Readdress the problem and consequences
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – 3 days in ISS, parent notification. (only 1 time in ISS for Dress Code)  
This step is skipped if the student has been to ISS for dress code or ISS for 3 or more times or days in ISS exceeds 9 total days for the current school year or If ISS has the maximum number of students that it can hold, then it will be 2 days of amended OSS. (can do make-up work)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** - 5 days OSS plus a parent conference to sign a Behavior/Academic Improvement Contract. Parent requested to accompany student for a conference at the end of the five day suspension. No contract will be possible without a parent present and that means that we proceed on to the next consequence at the fourth offense. The contract will redefine the penalties for non-compliance with a term of four additional consequences.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense** – 10 day OSS and referral to a Student Hearing Tribunal as a Chronic Offender that will change the placement from the high school to the Alternative Education Program for a length of time of 9 weeks or more. **(this may be superseded by a Behavior Contract signed by all stakeholders at 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense)**

It does not matter if the time between steps is the 6<sup>th</sup> day, 45<sup>th</sup> days or 150<sup>th</sup> day the count starts with offense number 1 and does not stop until day 180.

If a student is in ISS and willfully comes to school out of dress code that is cause for suspension from school equal to the time in ISS and then to complete the time in ISS. Example: Freddie is placed in ISS for three days due to a classroom disruption. On Monday, the first day of ISS, Freddie comes to school out of dress code. Freddie will be suspended out of school for three days and when he returns he will do his three days in ISS for class disruption.

Time spent out of class because of inappropriate dress is unexcused and any missed work cannot be made up.

**If a student is on a behavior contract for Dress Code violations from the 2008- 2009 school year that contract takes precedence over this section of the handbook. The contract remains in force until it is fulfilled or terminated.**