

2023-2024 DRESS CODE

St. Clair County Schools

The St. Clair County Board of Education promotes an environment where students can dress comfortably. Proper standards of dress and grooming are always expected of all students. As a general guideline, any manner of dress deemed inappropriate or disruptive during the scholastic day and/or during the practice for, or performance in, extra-curricular activities will not be allowed. **The school administration has the authority to determine whether a student is following dress code regulations.**

SCHOOL DRESS CODE-GRADES K-12

Measurement Definitions for ALL students (use these definitions for items below):

Skirts/Dresses/Shorts – must touch the length of the longest finger with hands to the side of body when standing in natural posture position.

Pants/Jeans etc. - Pants/jeans must fit properly and be worn at the natural waistline. The length of the pants/jeans must not be longer than mid-shoe level.

Shirts/Tops – must not show the midriff with hands at 180 degrees above head.

The parents/guardians should supervise the manner of a student's dress.

- 1) Headgear including, but not limited to hats, caps, headbands, sweatbands, bandanas, visors, do rags, hoods, and sunglasses, must be removed upon entering the school building and shall be properly stored.
- 2) Hair must be clean, combed, and well-groomed. Hair must not be in the eyes of the student or impair his/her vision. Appropriate safety precautions must be observed in all classes. If long hair is a safety hazard, students will receive directions from the teacher/instructor. Eye protection may be required in some classes. Whenever a student's hairstyle becomes a disruptive issue, the principal will address the problem on an individual basis. Etchings in the hair are unacceptable.
- 3) Facial hair must be well-groomed.
- 4) Insignias, buttons, and clothing that are suggestive (alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vulgarity, nudity, drug-related, etc.) are not permitted.
- 5) Clothing or other items that may inflame racial tension, incite a significant group of students in the student body, and/or depict any form of hatred/disrespect of others shall not be worn.
- 6) Any hairstyle, clothing, or pattern of dress or other items that identify a student as being a member of a gang or could be perceived as a threat or represent a hate or subversive organization are prohibited.
- 7) Jewelry or belts with spikes or studs are not allowed. Chains not exceeding 6" in length will be allowed to connect wallets to clothing.

- 8)** No facial piercings other than to the ear or nose are acceptable. Piercing to the nose may only consist of a nose stud. Any other jewelry that might be a safety concern is not acceptable. Visible body piercing is not allowed.
- 9)** Pants/jeans and other articles of clothing must be clean with no open holes showing skin above the length of the longest finger with hands to the side of body when standing in natural posture position. Sweatpants and joggers are allowed if they are properly fitted.
- 10)** Revealing garments may not be worn at any time. This type of garment shall include, but not be limited to, short-shorts or cut-off shorts (see # 14), halters, racer back tops, midriffs (tops that show the midriff), tank tops (tops with less than 1 ½" straps), spaghetti straps, string straps, one shoulder strap, outfits with no back, see-through clothing, tops with low necklines, cut-up/sleeveless shirts, or any clothing apparel that exposes the mid-section and/or body below the armpits. (See measurement definitions)
- 11)** Students must wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed.
- 12)** Over-sized, baggy clothing is prohibited (including shirts).
- 13)** Students must wear proper undergarments.
- 14)** Skirts, dresses, and shorts (for all students) No slits or leg openings may be above the length of the longest finger with hands to the side of body when standing in natural posture position. Leggings, yoga pants or other similar garment (i.e., jeggings), must be worn with the appropriate outer garment (i.e., t-shirts, shorts, dress, or skirt). Outer garments must touch the length of the longest finger with hands to the side of body when standing in natural posture position. Excessively tight leggings or jeggings will not be allowed.
- 15)** Shoes must always be worn, and shoes designed to be laced must be laced and tied.
- 16)** Baggy coats may not be worn inside any school building.
- 17)** Shoes may not contain any type of wheel or roller blades.
- 18)** Sleepwear/pajamas, house shoes, blankets or pillows are not allowed.

Local school administration provides guidelines for extracurricular uniforms. Uniforms may not meet all dress code requirements. Local school administrators have discretion to provide guidelines in these instances. Schools maintain the right to specify dress requirements for ceremonies or special school events. If this creates a hardship for students, the school administration must be notified within five (5) school days of the school event so that arrangements can be made to accommodate the student.