

Dress Code

We expect students to adhere to certain standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a productive and safe school environment. A student's appearance, mode of dress, or condition of personal hygiene will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to the health or safety of others. When, in the judgment of the school principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to general health or safety, the student may be required to make necessary modifications. (New Hanover County Schools, Policy 8520) If a student is dressed inappropriately for school, the student's teacher will contact the student's parent to make necessary modifications. Therefore, the following rules shall be followed:

- The shoulder width of shirts or blouses must completely cover undergarments. No
- spaghetti strap tops, tube tops, or tank tops are allowed;
- Net shirts, bare midriffs, or other revealing attire are not acceptable;
- Short dresses, short skirts, or short shorts will not be allowed;
- No underwear shall be revealed;
- Headgear, hats, or sunglasses are not to be worn in the building except for medical
- and/or safety reasons;
- No clothing, jewelry or buttons with letters, initials, symbols, or wording that is obscene,
- offensive, inflammatory, or detrimental to the instructional process are allowed;
- No gang-related clothing, accessories or symbols as identified by local law enforcement agencies will be allowed;
- No clothing, jewelry, book bags or other items may be worn which are associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups, and about which students have been notified.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear when at school. No flip flops, slides, or slippers. All sandals must have a back strap on them. No hee-lies, cleats, or shoes with metal pieces on the bottom. Shoes must be worn at all times while on the school property.

Students who are inappropriately attired will be asked to call their parents to get a change of clothes/shoes. If a parent cannot be reached, the incident will be documented as a violation, and student will be sent back to class. Four or more violations of the dress code will result in a minimum of one day ISS for insubordination. The principal may allow exceptions when specific clothing is encouraged to promote school spirit and pride.