

# MONONGALIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Student Appropriate Appearance

Effective 2022-2023

**Policy 4373** – Monongalia County Schools’ students will dress and groom in a manner that encourages the educational process and supports the health, safety and welfare of students. Distractive or indecent dress – including any apparel that promotes behaviors and/or displays items interfering with the teaching and learning process – are prohibited by this policy.

The following are Monongalia County Schools’ guidelines to help students adhere to the Appropriate Appearance Policy:

- Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, or use of alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or drug use.
- Students may not wear sunglasses or hoodies with the hood up
- Students may not wear blankets.
- Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification
- Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
- Inappropriate fashion not specifically covered in the above guidelines shall be addressed by the site administrator/designee.

When a student’s appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student will be required to change or remove inappropriate apparel. Continuous violation of the dress code guidelines will result in additional consequences.

