

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL



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Dress Code Policy

From the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following during instructional time:

Fingertip length for purposes of dress and grooming is defined as when a student's arms are relaxed and at their sides. Clothing of any type that is shorter than extended fingertips of the individual or whose clothing is in question, is not permitted. Slits on skirts, dresses, or shorts may be no higher than fingertip length.

Pants, Shorts, and Skirts

- Pants are not to sag inappropriately and are to be worn snug at the waist. Undergarments must not be visible.
- Pajama pants/shorts are not acceptable.
- Shorts, jeans, and pants with inappropriate holes and/or tears are prohibited. Holes are subject to the fingertip length rule. Any pants, shorts, and jeans with holes above fingertip length must be worn with leggings underneath to cover any exposed skin.
- Shorts may be worn by students in Pre-Kindergarten thru 12th grade and must meet the fingertip length rule.
- Jogging shorts, gym shorts, cut-offs, nylon shorts, biker shorts, wind shorts and boxer shorts are not acceptable.
- Tights, yoga pants, or stretch pants must be covered by shorts, skirts, or shirts/tops that are fingertip length.
- Skirts may be worn and must meet the fingertip length requirement.

Shirts and Dresses

- Blouses or shirts of see-through material without an appropriate shirt or blouse underneath are not permitted.
- Blouses and shirts must cover the waistband when arms are extended overhead.
- Tops exposing midriffs, back area, or cleavage are prohibited.
- Reasonable movement in these garments should not expose midriffs, back area, or cleavage.
- Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, shirts with the sleeves cut off, torn apparel or clothing with holes, and fishnet are not acceptable.
- Sleeveless shirts that do not expose undergarments are permitted.
- Dresses must be of fingertip length.
- Hooded attire is prohibited during the educational day. This includes hooded sweatshirts, hooded jackets, hooded coats, hooded raincoats, and hooded t-shirts. If any clothing has a hood attached, it cannot be worn during the educational day.

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Footwear

- All students shall wear shoes for health reasons.
- Shoes with wheels, flip-flops, shower shoes, house shoes, slides, and shoes with hidden compartments are not permitted.
- Rollerblades, skateboards, and scooters are not permitted.
- Appropriate footwear for physical activity can be required by the campus.

Accessories

- Hats and hoods are not permitted to be worn while on school property. This also includes caps, visors, doo-rags, and bandanas.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
- Dog collars and spikes cannot be worn as jewelry and are prohibited.
- Chains of any length (including wallet chains) are not permitted.
- No blankets are allowed.

Jackets and Coats

- Jackets and/or coats, sweaters and sweatshirts cannot hang below the buttocks.
- Lightweight jackets will be allowed in the building.
- Oversized jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts will not be permitted. Hooded attire is prohibited during the educational day. This includes hooded sweatshirts, hooded jackets, hooded coats, hooded raincoats, and hooded t-shirts. If any clothing has a hood attached, it cannot be worn during the educational day.

Body Piercings and Tattoos

- Ear adornments and/or earrings for female students are only allowed to be worn on the earlobes and only one (1) ear adornment per earlobe is allowed.
- Ear adornments for male students are permitted; however, only one (1) stud earring can be worn on each earlobe.
- No gauges are allowed for male or female students.
- Earlobes cannot be covered with band aids to hide ear piercings.
- Body piercings of the nose, eyebrow, tongue, or any other visible area other than the earlobe will not be allowed.
- No visible tattoos or body art of any kind will be permitted. This includes the drawing or marking on hands and arms or other body parts with pens, pencils, or any other devices that leave designs or marks, temporary or permanent.
- Tattoos which are not visible in normal clothing, but which are visible in athletic clothing shall not be permitted.
- Existing tattoos shall be covered at all times.

Hair and Facial Hair

- Extreme hairstyles that are disruptive to the learning environment are not allowed.
- Hair color must be of a naturally occurring color

Images and Graphics

- Clothing with pictures/writing that have an inappropriate double meaning are prohibited.
- Clothing, jewelry, and any other items worn by a student that display gang affiliations and/or symbols, obscenities, sexual innuendos, depictions of violence or weapons, advertise or promote

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alcoholic beverages, narcotics, tobacco, or other prohibited substances, or items that could be viewed as lewd, vulgar, or offensive to others are not permitted.

Exceptions to the Cleveland ISD dress code due to medical reasons must be approved by the grade-level principal.

Students may be required to return home if they are dressed inappropriately for school. Also, students may be asked to change clothes, turn clothes "inside out", or otherwise reasonably comply with the classroom teacher's and/or administrator's attempts to bring the student's dress or grooming into compliance with this code.

Note: The building administrators shall use their discretion in questions concerning the dress and grooming code. Where there is a question regarding dress or grooming, the administration's decision will be final.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Classroom teachers shall be responsible for classroom enforcement. In addition, the administration has the authority to rule on situations not addressed above.

Repeated violation of the dress and grooming code by a student will be considered insubordination and will subject the student to escalating disciplinary consequences, including but not limited to a restricted dress and grooming code for the student, suspension, or placement in a disciplinary alternative education program.