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STUDENT DRESS CODE

The policy of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board shall be that no mode of attire shall be considered proper for school wear that disrupts the classroom and/or the school's positive learning environment. In questions regarding student dress and grooming, the principal or his/her designee of each school shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided.

The School Board desires to teach each student to use good judgment in his/her total appearance so that the attention of others is not distracted from the purpose of the school. Cleanliness and the values of the community shall be a basic consideration.

NOTIFICATION

The School Board shall notify the parent or guardian of each student of the dress code specifications and their effective date. The dress code shall be distributed in written form or posted on the school's website annually.

If the School Board modifies the existing uniform policy, it shall notify, in writing, the parent or guardian of each student of the policy adoption or uniform policy modification at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the new or revised policy. Each school shall display any uniform selected for a reasonable period prior to the proposed effective date for wearing of the uniform.

However, nothing shall prohibit the School Board from requiring a new or revised dress code or uniform policy without the required notice in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this policy, emergency shall mean an actual or imminent threat to health or safety which may result in loss of life, injury, or property damage.

BODY ARMOR

It shall be unlawful and against School Board policy for any student or non-student to wear or possess on his/her person, at any time, body armor on any School Board property, school campus, at a school-sponsored function, on a school bus or other school transportation, or in a firearm-free zone, with limited exceptions as enumerated in [La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9](#), which includes permitting a student to wear, carry, or possess a backpack on school property or a school bus that has bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

School-sponsored functions shall include, but not be limited to, athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities. A firearm-free zone means any area inclusive of any school campus and within 1,000 feet of any such school campus, and within a school bus, wherein the possession of firearms is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in [La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§14:95.2\(C\)](#) and [14:95.6\(B\)](#).

Body armor shall mean bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

DRESS AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

The dress and grooming of the students shall be that which, in the opinion of the ordinary reasonable person, contributes to the health and safety of the individual and which is non-disruptive to the educational activities and processes of a school. No student shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, blade, symbols, sign or other things which are evidence of affiliation with drugs, alcohol, violence or gang related activities or exhibits profane or obscene language/gestures.

The School Board shall not exclude a student on account of a natural, protective or cultural hairstyle. Natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle shall include, but is not limited to, afros, dreadlocks, twists, locs, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

Dress Code Regulation

The following regulations apply for grades Pre-K-12:

1. Appropriate clothing and footwear shall be worn.
2. Students in grades Pre-K-12 may only wear stud earrings. Piercings other than in the ear are not allowed.
3. Hairstyles, facial hair, and hair color, mustaches shall be clean, neatly groomed (1/4 inch facial hair) and shall not distract from the learning environment nor be a safety factor for any of the school's curricular offering. Neatly groomed facial hair will be allowed. Any hairstyles, facial hair or hair color that distracts from the unique environment of a school shall be dealt with by the principal or his/her designee of that school.
4. No sleeveless garments shall be worn.
5. No hats, caps, or other head wear shall be worn on school campuses or school buses on regular school days, except when a medical condition or religious belief so warrants. However, this provision shall not apply to necessary headgear outdoors in inclement weather.
6. Students will be allowed to wear loose-fitting walking shorts if the bottom of the garment is knee-length.
7. Jumpers and skirts in PreK-12 must meet the Dress Code Guidelines below.
8. . No midriff shirts or blouses shall be worn.
9. Students who participate in extracurricular activities (e.g. sport team member, cheerleaders, spirit group dancers, band members, other drill teams) may wear the group's uniform to an event on extracurricular days that are previously designated by the site administration. Extracurricular days are defined as days that shall have some extracurricular event that will be held either before, during, or after normal school hours..
10. Modifications to the dress code may be made only with the approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
11. All pants must be worn at the waistline and if pants have belt loops a belt must be worn.
12. All items of clothing must be worn as intended by design.
13. Throughout the district, Fridays shall be known as spirit day. On Spirit days students will be permitted to wear school designed and produced spirit shirts.

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Pants

All students (boys and girls) pants shall be as follows:

Females may wear capris pants.

Khaki or navy color twill "slacks" with or without pleats, with or without belt loops (if belt loops, students must wear a belt), with or without pockets.

Blue jeans may only be worn on spirit days and events approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Pants must be bought in the child's appropriate size. No "sagging" no over-sized pants, no wide-legged, no bell bottoms, no cargo, no safari, no sweatpants, wind suit pants or carpenter pants shall be allowed.

Shirts

All students K-12 shall have a choice of long or short sleeve, polo style (pull over) or oxford style (button up) white or navy color shirts. Each school shall have an option of a school color shirt to wear (principal's discretion and approval). Turtleneck shirts or shirts with a zipper are not acceptable.

Solid white, black, navy or school approved color T-shirts may be worn under regular uniform shirts. The sleeves of the shirts worn under the regular uniform shirts can be long or short and extend past the sleeve of the top shirt. Thermal underwear and turtleneck shirts are not allowed.

Elementary girls shall have an option to wear the "Peter Pan" collar white button up blouse.

On Spirit days, students may wear a single design school "Spirit" T-shirt (short or long-sleeved) designed by and sold by each individual school, in lieu of a polo shirt. All outside sourced "spirit" T-shirts are strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary actions.

Face Coverings

If face coverings are necessary due to illness or preference, students may wear face coverings of any color with or without a school logo, or the student's name/initials. They must be made of solid material, not mesh.

Outer Garments

Students may wear heavy coats or jackets of any color or style outdoors and on school buses; however, said coats/jackets may not have inappropriate insignia, logos, or language. Dusters or trench coats are not allowed. Heavy coats/jackets must be removed upon entering a school building. No hoodies are allowed on school campuses or school buses.

Light jackets or sweatshirts without a hood, shall be navy, white or school approved color and may be allowed for indoor wear but must have a regulation uniform shirt must be worn under all outerwear.

Students shall be allowed to wear school-sponsored organization jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters, i.e. FFA, BETA, athletic, etc.

Shoes

All shoes shall consist of a closed back and front.

No sandals, wedged soles, platforms, high heels, "croc's," slippers, shower shoes, flip flops, moccasins or knee-high shoes shall be allowed.

Jumpers/Skirts

Jumpers/Skirts shall be either khaki or navy in color and made from twill only. Jumpers/skirts must not be more than three (3") inches above the knee.

Shorts/Skortts

Shorts/skortts shall be either khaki or navy in color and made from twill only. Skorts/shorts must not be more than three (3") inches above the knee.

Belts

Designs, emblems, insignias, monograms, logos, holes, studs, etc. that are offensive (principal's decision) will not be allowed.

Belts must be the appropriate length for the student's waist size.

Belt buckles must be plain, standard style. Metal spikes or studs are not allowed.

Elementary students shall be encouraged to wear belts.

Belts shall be mandatory for middle school, junior high school and high school students when wearing slacks or shorts with belt loops.

A school issued student ID badge is required to be worn by 5th-12th grades and must be visible.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The Superintendent and/or his/her designee shall consider for approval all deviations to the uniform policy for special occasions/events upon written request from the school principal.

1. Homecoming/Red Ribbon week must be approved by the Superintendent and/or designee.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Violations of the Dress Code shall be addressed in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct Handbook.

A student enrolled in grades prekindergarten through five shall not be suspended or expelled from school or suspended from riding on any school bus for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.

Legal

[La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 14:95.2; 14.95.6; 14:95.9](#)

[La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:81](#)

[La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:416.7](#)

[Scott v. Board of Education, 304 N.Y.S.S. 2d 601 \(1969\);](#)

[Karr v. Schmidt; 460 F. 2d 609 \(5th Cir. 1972\).](#)

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