



Dress Code Policy Students

Barnwell County School District has established a basic structure for determining appropriate dress standards for students. Clothing should not be so immodest or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the educational process.

Therefore, the district will not permit clothing deemed distracting, revealing, overly suggestive or otherwise disruptive. This includes (but is not limited to) bare midriffs, halter/tank tops, spaghetti straps and see-through shirts, tops, pants, or blouses.

The district will not permit clothing that displays vulgar, obscene or otherwise inappropriate symbols, language or wording.

The district will not permit clothing or accessories (i.e., book bags, jewelry, hats, etc.) that display or make reference to alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances. Students may not wear or display gang attire, colors or symbols on clothing or accessories.

Under most conditions, students may not wear bandanas, hats, head stockings, hoodies, or bonnets while on campus or attending school sponsored events/activities.

Students must wear proper shoes at all times. Open toed shoes may not be appropriate for all school activities. Under most conditions, bedroom slippers and blankets are not allowed.

During the regular school day, students' athletic attire, such as tennis, track, cheerleading outfits, etc., must conform to all other regulations of the dress code.

Students may not wear accessories/clothing that could pose a safety threat including heavy chains, fishhooks, multi-finger rings, studded bracelets or collars, nose- or lip-to-ear chains, etc.

The district does not allow unusual body piercings or accessories that disrupt the order of school or that disturb the learning environment.

Students may not wear overly tight or short skirts, shorts, skorts or dresses. The district does not allow bike shorts unless worn under another pair of shorts. Age appropriate lengths for shorts, skorts, or dresses are determined for each school-level as outlined below.

- Primary (PK–2nd): Mid thigh
- Elementary (3rd–5th): 3 inches above the knee
- Middle (6th–8th): 3 inches above the knee
- High (9th–12th): 3 inches above the knee

Rips, tears, and holes in pants must not exist higher than the age appropriate lengths outlined above unless there is a sewn in patch. Students must wear pants at the natural waistline. Undergarments should not show and should not be worn outside of clothing.

Each school's administrators make the final judgment on appropriateness of any student's dress and reserve the right to prohibit any clothing/accessory disruptive to their school.