

(B) Truancy

When a student is absent, parents, guardians or other people who have control of a student enrolled in the District should comply with district's policies and school guidelines to report reasons for absences. Georgia law requires that after any student who accrues five (5) days of unexcused absences in a given school year, the parent, guardian or other person who has control or charge of that child shall be in violation of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690.1(b). Any student who is subject to compulsory attendance who, during the school calendar year, has more than five (5) days of unexcused absences is considered truant. The law states the following: "Any parent, guardian or other person residing in this state who has control or charge of a child or children and who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not greater than \$100.00, or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, community service, or any combination of such penalties, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction. Each day's absence from school in violation of this part after the child's school notifies the parent, guardian or other person who has control or charge of a child of five unexcused days of absence for a child shall constitute a separate offense." Schools will notify parents/guardians when a student has accumulated three (3) unexcused absences. The DCS Behavior Health Department will also notify parents/guardians of students when the student has accumulated eight (8) unexcused absences during the school year by calling or home visit. Student and family may be required to go before the Truancy Task Force. Also, consequences may include disposition for unruly children in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-11-67.

(C) Bullying

"Bullying is when someone repeatedly, and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending themselves. Cyber-bullying is bullying through email, social media, instant messaging, chat room exchanges, website posts, or digital messages or images sent to a cellular phone or personal digital assistant. Cyber-bullying, like traditional bullying, involves an imbalance of power, aggression, and a negative action that is often repeated".

DHS prohibits bullying or cyber-bullying of a student by another student. In the event a student has committed the offense of bullying or has been the victim of bullying, the school will notify the parent(s), guardian(s), or other person(s) having control or charge of such student. Upon finding that a student has committed his/her first or second offense of bullying, the said student will be subject to the penalties and consequences of Level III or IV discipline listed above. Upon finding that a student in grades 9-12 has committed the offense of bullying for a third time in a school year, the student will be subject to Level V consequences and may be assigned to an alternative school setting.

(D) Dress Code

DHS students are required to attend school dressed in appropriate attire which does not disrupt or have the likelihood of disrupting the teaching or learning of others and/or which does not violate the School District's dress code. We believe that students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore, all students enrolled in Dublin High School shall abide by the following dress code.

The High School dress code can be found on the district's website. Information on the specific dress requirements is available at the high school. The following rules apply to all items not addressed by unified dress codes.

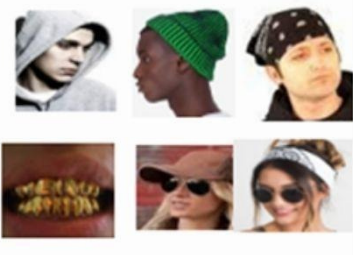
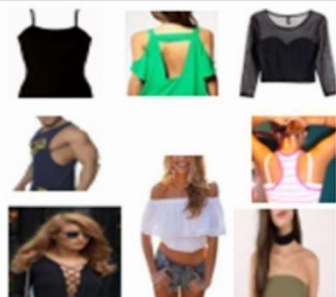
General Guidelines for ALL attire

- All clothing must be appropriately sized (not sagging) and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which cannot be seen through the garment.
- All clothing must cover the body, with no openings, slits or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back, or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short or too tight is not allowed. (Shorts and skirts should be fingertip length or longer.)
- Backpacks must be clear or mesh.

NOT PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS: This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items. Dublin High School may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year. Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in the office of each school.

The following items are NOT PERMITTED:

- Biboveralls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry items (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings associated with gang activity or behavior.
- Clothing, attire or personal belongings associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing, which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd, or suggestive writing, pictures, emblems or promotion of aggression or violence.
- Any clothing, which advertises or advocates the use of a product, is prohibited on school premises.
- Any clothing which disrupts the learning process is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, “do rags”, combs, picks, roach clips and curlers are not allowed. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, jewelry, etc. Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories which may present a danger or distraction to the school community.
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills
- Big shirts, jerseys, or other oversized shirts *NOTE: (School athletes can wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook). Appropriate length shorts and pants must be worn underneath athletic skirts (tennis, cheerleading etc.). Schools may have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.

REFLECT YOUR RESPECT! 		DRESS CODE GUIDELINES	
		↓ DO's ↓	↓ DON'T's ↓
HEADWEAR	- Bandanas, do-rags or any paisley print headgear are not allowed - Picks and combs are not allowed in hair - Hats and other headgear (including hoodies) are not allowed in the building - Plastic headbands, barrettes, and ribbons are permitted - Religious headgear is allowed - No removable dental wear - No sunglasses without a medical excuse		
UPPER GARMENT	- Sleeveless attire cannot reveal undergarments - Shirts cannot be low-cut, or show cleavage - Halter tops and shirts with spaghetti straps are not allowed. - Clothing must cover waist and back with no skin showing between the top and bottom garments - Men's sleeveless muscle tank tops not allowed - No transparent or mesh clothing without an appropriate shirt underneath		
LOWER GARMENT	- Pants must be worn at the natural waistline - Undergarments are not to be visible - Shorts and skirts should be of fingertip length (including when a student is seated) - Skin cannot be visible above fingertip length - No clothing that is excessively form fitting (i.e., Spandex) - Leggings, yoga pants, or bottoms that are form fitting must have a top garment of fingertip length - No pajama pants or sleepwear		
FOOTWEAR	- Bedroom shoes/slippers are not allowed - No Flip-Flops		

ATTIRE AND ACCESSORIES CANNOT BE OBSCENE, PROFANE, LEWD, VULGAR, INDECENT, GANG RELATED OR POSE A SAFETY THREAT TO ONESELF OR OTHERS (HEAVY CHAINS, FISH HOOKS, BRASS KNUCKLES).

The administration will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of a student's clothing, appearance and/or display of symbols, messages, or statements on school grounds.