

## DRESS-STUDENTS

Based on the belief that school is a place of business where students are learning both academic and social skills, the school board requires that they dress appropriately.

1. Messages on clothing, jewelry and personal belongings that relate to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, vulgarity, profanity or that reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry are not permitted.
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2. Appropriate dress is clothing that does not present a substantial risk of disruption to the educational process. The braless look, see-through apparel, tube tops, halter tops and mid-cut shirts/tops are not acceptable.
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3. Shorts must be of appropriate length; very short shorts, such as the thin, nylon, athletic-type shorts with side slits, are not acceptable.
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4. Underwear must be covered by clothing.
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5. For health and safety, appropriate footwear must be worn at all times – bare feet are not acceptable.
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Decisions regarding the appropriateness of clothing, footwear and accessories will be made by the building principal or a designee.

The first time a student violates this policy, he/she shall be required to make appropriate adjustments, and their parents will be notified. Additional violations will be managed in accordance with the Standards of Student Conduct. (Policy JFC and Regulation JFC-R.)

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Legal refs.: Code of Virginia, as amended, section 22.1-79; Broussard v. Sch. Bd. of City of Norfolk, 801 F. Supp. 1526 IE.D. VA 1992).

Cross Refs.: JFCE Gang Activity or Association  
JFC Student Conduct  
JGD/JGE Suspension and Expulsion of Students  
JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct