

K-8 STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students enrolled in the Caldwell County Schools are expected to dress appropriately at all times. A student's appearance, mode of dress, or condition of personal hygiene shall not distract or disrupt the learning environment or constitute a threat to the safety, health, or well being of students and staff.

For students enrolled in high, middle, and K-8 schools, the following specific requirements are applicable:

- The shoulder width of female shirts or blouses must completely cover undergarments. Spaghetti strap tops, tube-tops, or halter-tops are not permitted.
- Male shirts shall have sleeves.
- Net shirts, bare midriffs or other revealing attire are not acceptable for either sex.
- The length of dresses, skirts, and shorts will extend below the fingertips when arms and hands are fully extended at the sides.
- Pants, skirts, and shorts must be worn at the waistline. No underwear shall be revealed.
- No headgear, hats, hoods, bandanas, or sunglasses are to be worn, brought, or carried into school buildings or on yellow school buses.
- No clothing, jewelry, or accessories with letters, initials, symbols or wording that is obscene, threatening, offensive, inflammatory, distracting, disruptive or detrimental to the instructional process is allowed. This includes body piercing, except pierced ears, tattoos, and clothing that displays alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco products, or promotes violence, hatred, or intolerance.
- Unnatural hair colors, such as pink, blue or green, which are distracting or disruptive, are not allowed.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Oversize jackets, trench coats, long coats, etc. shall not be worn during the school day except as authorized by the principal or designee.

*Pajamas and bedroom attire are considered inappropriate clothing.

School officials have the authority and responsibility to determine whether a student's appearance satisfies the intent of this policy and to ensure its enforcement.

CONSEQUENCES – School administrators shall establish procedures to handle students who are in noncompliance with this policy. Such procedures may include disciplinary action, including suspension from school.

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