

2009-2010 DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The Anderson County Board of Education encourages students to take pride in their personal appearance when attending school. Apparel or appearance, which tends to draw attention to an individual rather than to a learning situation, must be avoided. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. The following guidelines will be observed:

1. Shirts and blouses must completely cover abdomen, back, shoulders, and chest.
2. Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not display:
 - racial or ethnic slurs/symbols
 - gang affiliations
 - vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive language or imagesnor should they promote products which students may not legally buy, such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
3. Prohibited items include:
 - large, long and/or heavy chains
 - studded or chained accessories
 - trench coats
 - sunglasses, except for health purposes
 - sleepwear
 - skin-tight outer materials such as spandex.
 - No body-piercing jewelry/accessories are allowed except to the ears.
4. All clothing must be of modest length and fit. Neither form-fitting nor baggy clothing will be permitted. The

waistband of pants/shorts must be worn around the waist.

5. Pants in good condition. No holes.
6. *Hats, caps, head apparel may not be worn on campus.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times; rubber flip-flops and shower shoes are prohibited.
8. Students enrolled in vocational/technical programs will be required to dress according to appropriate safety guidelines.
9. Students who are on Individual Behavior Contracts, or students who are enrolled in an alternative placement, are subject to a more restrictive dress code.

Parents are strongly urged to pay particular attention to the cleanliness, modesty and appropriateness of their child's attire. Further rules and regulations concerning dress may be specified by the principal for school or school activities.

The principal will make the final determination as to whether a student's dress or appearance is acceptable.

This determination will be based on the philosophy and rationale of the dress code. Any principal or school staff who wishes to alter or amend the dress policy must have individual board approval.

*The principal has the authority to allow items for special occasions or special circumstances.

If a student arrives at school dressed inappropriately, he/she will be given the opportunity to contact parents or guardians to deliver appropriate clothing. If parents cannot bring appropriate clothing, the student will be sent to in-school suspension for the school day.

CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

First Offense Consequences may include but are not limited to: Verbal reprimand, special assignment, restriction of activities, counseling, parent contact, withdrawal of privileges, issuance of demerits which might affect citizenship or conduct grades, detention, in-school suspension, and out-of-school suspension.

Second Offense Consequences may include but are not limited to: Detention, parent contact, in-school suspension, withdrawal of privileges, corporal punishment (with prior parent/guardian notification), out-of-school suspension, disciplinary meeting, and Learn Center Program referral.

Third Offense Consequences may include but are not limited to: corporal punishment (with prior parent/guardian notification), withdrawal of privileges, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, Learn Center Program referral, and expulsion.

SEVERE CLAUSE – Any student behavior of a severe nature, even on the first offense, may be subject to Third Offense Consequence

