

**Board Policy JFC-R2:
STANDARDS OF STUDENT DRESS**

Primary Objectives

A. Protection of the integrity of and minimization of distractions to the learning environment.

B. Continued safety and welfare of the students and staff members.

In order to enforce these primary objectives, the following regulations are required of all students in the Pulaski County Schools:

1. All clothing must fit securely enough to be non-revealing; that is, enough to protect the modesty of the wearer when the wearer is engaged in any activity one might reasonably be expected to engage in while at school or when participating in school activities. This includes, but is not limited to, excessively low-cut shirts and/or blouses; inappropriately short dresses, skirts, or shorts; clothing that bares the shoulders, back, or midriff; and clothing that permits a view of undergarments at any time.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times while at school or participating in school activities unless the nature of the activity otherwise specifically supports going shoeless, such as swimming, etc.
3. For prescribed activities such as Physical Education classes, athletics, certain field trips, etc., teachers and administrators may require specific styles of dress and/or footwear, including (but not limited to) designated uniform dress that is generally deemed appropriate for the activity. Students and parents will be informed of such activities' requirements for dress and footwear well in advance of the activity. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the activity with all applicable penalties for non-participation, if any, applied to the student.
4. No (footwear) spikes, spurs, cleats, or other sole protrusions may be worn inside school buildings at any time.
5. Pants must be worn secured at the waist at all times.
6. Pant-leg hems must be above the sole of the shoe; no tread-upon hems are allowed.
7. No clothing made from spandex or similar skintight material may be worn as outerwear.
8. Clothing made from see-through fabric may only be worn as accessories over other, non-see-through appropriate outerwear.

9. All clothing, particularly pants and shorts, must be worn with all closures closed and secured (including buttons, fly zippers, back zippers, etc.).

10. No head coverings may be worn indoors.

11. No clothing, jewelry, or other accessories may be worn or displayed in any fashion which contains or is imprinted with lettering, slogans, signs, symbols, advertisements, logos, or artistic depictions of any of the following:

- a) any controlled substance legally unavailable for sale to minors including, but not limited to, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs;
- b) vulgarity, obscenity, profanity, pornography, or sexually explicit or suggestive subject matter, including “double entendre” wordplay;
- c) items which represent offensive affronts to any segment of the school population on the grounds of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, handicapping condition, or national or geographic origin or residence.

12. No gang-related insignia or style of dress is permitted at any time.

13. Spaghetti straps and tank tops are not permitted in middle school or high school grades.

RULE OF THUMB: IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER IT’S APPROPRIATE TO WEAR OR NOT, IT PROBABLY ISN’T. CHOOSE SOMETHING ELSE!!!

School principals have the authority to interpret these regulations in cases where judgment is called for and to enforce compliance with them in accordance with applicable Code of Conduct provisions.