

# Student Dress Code:

## Dress Code (Appropriate Clothing):

In order to maintain an appropriate learning environment for Bath County High School, a standard dress code policy has been established for students. Students are expected to dress in clothing appropriate for the season and for the school setting or activity in which they are present. Students violating the policy will be required to obtain suitable clothing and may be subject to disciplinary action. The administration reserves the right to disallow any clothing it deems unsuitable and that disrupts the learning process. All policies pertain to both male and female students. Any student wearing clothing that is deemed to be inappropriate or disruptive to the learning environment will be asked to change or cover up objectionable clothing. Students will be sent to the YSC to find appropriate clothing. If appropriate clothing is not available for the student, parents will be called to provide appropriate clothing to the student or he/she will be sent home to change. Students going home to change must follow the sign-out procedure and the time away from school will count against a student's attendance.

- Hats, toboggans, hoods, extremely unusual non-prescriptive contacts, or other head coverings (bandanas, wraps, etc.) and sunglasses are not allowed to be worn.
- No clothing or accessories (i.e. bracelets, backpacks, notebooks, belts and/or buckles) are to be worn that state, imply, or promote obscene language, tobacco, drug, and/ or alcohol use, sexually suggestive slogans and/ or depictions, racial, violent, gang-related, or socially offensive images or language. This includes the following: Rebel Flags; Promotion of organization or businesses that promote above mentioned topics (ex. Playboy, Hooters, etc...). No jewelry or accessories that have chains any longer than a normal necklace. (NOTE: We will allow shirts that display a bow or gun as long as it is not the primary focus of the shirt and does not promote violence (ex. Bass Pro Shops shirt that promotes hunting with small display of a gun).
- Accessories (spikes, dog collars, etc.) that may be used as a weapon or piercings that are deemed a safety hazard are not permitted. Students with tattoos, body art, or other accessories that violate the provisions described for clothing must be covered at all times of the school day.
- Clothing that exposes underwear or the body, including, but not limited to, cleavage and the midriff, low rider pants, tops with spaghetti straps, strapless tops, halter tops, open back shirts or dresses, muscle shirts, tank tops, mesh shirts, (tops must be at least 3 inches width across both shoulders) may not be worn. Tops must meet the pants/shorts/skirts with no skin showing at the midriff when asked to raise your arms. "Wife beater" shirts or shirts that expose the torso cannot be worn.
- See-through or mesh shirts, tops, dresses, slacks, or shorts are not to be worn unless they are worn over other clothing that meets.
- Clothing that is excessively revealing, extremely tight fitting, or that attracts undue attention may not be worn. Spandex pants, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, and tights may not be worn without an appropriate dress, sweater, or top **that comes below the students finger tips when held to their side.**
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts that are shorter in length than the mid-thigh are not permitted. A good rule of thumb is 5 inches from the center of the knee. Pants or shorts that contain holes or slits above the mid-thigh are not to be worn. I
- Shoes must be worn at all times.

It must be understood that when dealing with dress code every student's unique size and shape is a factor in determining the appropriateness of the attire. For example, a shirt worn by one girl may not be appropriate on another or a pair of shorts may meet the length requirement for boy but not another. Please understand that the enforcement of student dress code is not for the purpose of hurting or controlling our students. It is for the purpose of eliminating potential issues that could affect the learning environment of our school. This includes bullying and inappropriate comments.

Recommendations: Students should wear shorts underneath dresses so that their underwear is not seen as they walk up stairs.

Excessive Cleavage can be anything over three inches exposed when a student takes their chin to the neck.

**When in doubt as to whether an outfit is school appropriate, use the following as your guide:  
No belly, no back, no cleavage, and no crack!**

### **Consequences for Dress Code Violations:**

Students who violate the dress code will be provided a change of clothing from the office (if available) and parents will be notified. Any items worn that do not meet dress code will be immediately confiscated from students and returned to the student at the end of the day if it is a first offense. Upon second confiscation, item(s) will be held until the last day of school and returned to the student upon request.

The student violating the dress code will be required to change clothes and students who do not change clothing will be placed in ACP. Students who violate the dress code will be assigned one (1) break detention for each violation; after three violations the student will be placed in ACP for one (1) day, further violations will result in three (3) days ACP assignment and a mandatory parent conference. If a student refuses to change, they will be subject to additional disciplinary action. Determination of appropriate dress/attire will be left up to the administration.