

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Rutherford Board of Education believes that the clothes students wear ought to be appropriate within reasonable limits and ought not to be in any significant way distracting from educational activities.

Students are expected to attend classes in clothing that is neat and clean. The school authorities have no intention of dictating the specific types of hair styles and grooming to be worn by the students. However, certain commonsense rules should govern the manner in which students are groomed for class, for school social affairs, and for off-campus school activities.

The following types of clothing will be deemed inappropriate by the Principal or his/her designee:

1. Extremely low cut, transparent clothes, bare midriffs, revealing undergarments.
2. Dresses, skirts or shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh; spandex shorts are not acceptable except in gym class.
3. Hats, headbands, bandannas and sunglasses unless for medical or religious reasons (documentation may be requested).
4. Clothing, patches, or symbols which contain profane, obscene, offensive, and inappropriate language, references to alcohol, sex, tobacco or drugs; or demeaning references to specific gender, nationality, ethnicity, race, or religion.
5. Torn or ripped clothing.
6. Outdoor jackets or coats except when entering or leaving the building.
7. Footwear that is considered unsafe or dangerous.

**Implementation of Policy:**

1. When a pupil is not in compliance with the Student Dress Code, the teacher or other staff member shall send the pupil to the Principal or his/her designee with a written report.
2. The Principal or his/her designee, after discussion with the pupil, shall contact the parent. The parent shall be requested to bring a change of clothing to school to enable the pupil to return to class.
3. If the parent is unable to bring a change of clothing, the pupil shall be sent to another area where he or she will be given the assignments for the day.
4. Repeated offenses shall be cause for suspension and/or any other disciplinary action deemed necessary by the Principal or his/her designee.

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