

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY SCHOOLS
"DRESS FOR SUCCESS"

The intent and purpose of these guidelines are to eliminate disruption to the classroom environment, promote instruction, improve safe identification of students and comply with state health and safety standards while allowing students to express personal taste and individuality through clothing choices. Students are reminded that items perfectly suited for home, gym, beach, or party may not be appropriate school wear. Dress guidelines apply to students in grades 4-12.

1. No clothing article or apparel which displays obscene words, suggestive or immoral behavior, pictures, and/or designs; including but not limited to any article that conveys a sexually suggestive remark, gang-related, or alcohol message, or tobacco and/or drug-related message.
2. Boys' pants and/or jeans shall be worn at the natural waistline. A properly fastened belt, with a shirt tucked in, is required for all boys.
3. Skirts, shorts, skorts, and dresses should be no more than 2 inches from the knee. Leggings may be worn under skirts, shorts, skorts, and dresses. Where there are slits in items, the top of the slit also cannot extend more than 2 inches from the knee.
4. Student should wear shirts or dress tops that cover the shoulders, chest, abdomen, and back. All clothing should be worn as intended by the manufacturer.
5. Attire for special days must be pre-approved by the administration.
6. Hair should be neat and clean.

INAPPROPRIATE DRESS FOR SCHOOL:

1. Sunglasses without a doctor's prescription for a medical condition.
2. Leggings worn as an outer garment.
3. See-through, skintight, spandex and/or revealing clothing.
4. Open or chain belts, including metal chains on pants and chain wallets.
5. Unfastened overalls.
6. Sleeveless shirts, boat neck or tank tops.
7. Pants/slacks with appearance of sagging, and/or showing underwear.
8. Head covering inside the building.
9. Curlers, picks, or combs.
10. Athletic wear, including sweat pants, sweat shorts, gym shorts, wind suits, tights, pajama pants, volleyball and basketball pants. Sports teams will be allowed to wear team attire on game day only if approved by the administration.
11. Holes in clothing, where those holes are higher than 2 inches above the knee.

School administration reserves the right to make decisions regarding student attire and grooming. Exceptions may be made when physical or other circumstances warrant, for certain groups during performances, or special activities as authorized by school administrators. If in doubt about a particular dress guidelines violation, school administration will be responsible to make final decisions.