

MONONGALIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Appropriate Appearance

Effective 2014-2015

Policy 4373 – Monongalia County Schools’ students will dress and groom in a manner that encourages the educational process and supports the health, safety and welfare of himself/herself or others. Distractive or indecent dress – including any apparel that promotes behaviors and/or displays items interfering with the teaching and learning process – are prohibited by this policy.

The following are Monongalia County Schools’ guidelines to help students adhere to the Appropriate Appearance Policy:

- Students will wear clothing that covers the body’s torso.
- Students may wear shorts and/or skirts reaching the mid-thigh portion of the leg.
- Students may not wear clothing that exposes large areas of the back and/or front of the body – such as fishnet inserts, see-through mesh, cut-out panels, spaghetti strap or halter tops – unless covering such items with a buttoned-up shirt.
- Students may not wear hats, bandannas, sunglasses or hoodies with the hood up.
- Clothing depicting and/or referencing violence, blood, knives, guns, gang membership, terrorism, sex, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, obscenities or profane language are prohibited.
- Spiked jewelry or chains with the potential for use as weapons are not permissible.
- Baggy clothing with the potential to pose a safety hazard or that exposes undergarments or mid sections are prohibited, as are footwear presenting a potential tripping hazard.
- Students may wear leggings, yoga pants and/or tights under accompanying overgarments extending to the mid-thigh.
- Inappropriate fashion not specifically covered in the above guidelines shall be addressed at the discretion of a site administrator/designee.

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Interventions and Consequences

Report given to or observation by staff, first 30 minutes of the school day

If dress code is broken:

1st offense = Administrator/student conference or reprimand

- Change of clothing
- Add additional clothing
- Please not wear again
- If student does not agree, parent/guardian will be notified
- If no agreement is met, we will ask/tell student to go home.

2nd Offense = Administrator and teacher-parent/guardian conference

3rd Offense = Detention (lunch, before and/or after school)

- Saturday School can be used at Middle School Level

4th Offense = In-school suspension

Questions to consider:

- Is it an educational disruption
- Is it a safety concern
- Does it represent a threat