

Board Policy JCDB: Student Dress Code

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Meriwether County School System's Dress Code

Meriwether County School System developed the dress code policy. The following policy allows students to dress for success while attending Meriwether County Schools:

The Meriwether County School System's dress code will consist of the following for Pre-K through 12th grade:

- Shorts need to be to the top of the knee.
- Skirts need to be to the top of the knee.
- Dresses need to be to the top of the knee.
- No athletic shorts
- No excessive tight or form fitting clothing (i.e. dresses, pants, skirts)
- All tops need to have a neckline no lower than the armpit.
 - No halter-tops, tank tops, tube tops, strapless shirts, or spaghetti straps, etc.
 - Shirts cannot be see-through.
- No bra straps showing at any time.
- No leggings/jeggings in middle and high schools
- No Yoga pants, sweatpants or joggers
- No undergarments may be showing.
- No pajamas
- No body cleavage or midriff may be showing.
- No holes in jeans, shirts, dress, or any garment worn on the body that exposes bare skin.
- No hats or caps may be worn in the building.
- Sweatshirts, light sweaters, and light jackets are highly encouraged during the colder months. No bulky jackets or jackets with more than two pockets will be allowed. This includes the inside and outside the jacket.
- No Hoodies at all
- No ski masks
- Clear book bags are required
- Any clothing with inappropriate (profane, vulgar, sexual, racial, ethical, alcohol, drugs and tobacco, gang related signs or words, sayings, slogans or graphics will not be allowed.
- **No SAGGING.** Pants must be worn up on the waist.
- No solid colors can be worn for an entire outfit. For example, students will not be able to wear all red, blue, white, or black. Students cannot wear a red shirt, red pants, and red shoes. This could be considered gang affiliation.
- No flip-flops, open toe shoes, slippers/house shoes, heels above 3 inches
- Closed-toed sandals may be worn; however, MCSS prefer closed-toed sandals-have a strap on the back.
- No blankets

Meriwether County School System's Board of Education reserves the right to add to the policy when clothing trends bring about additional concerns. Furthermore, the principal has the authority to add to the policy if an item causes a disruption.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations

Elementary Schools

First Violation – student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus as student conference.

Middle/High Schools

First Violation – student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus as student conference. Students will remain in ISS (In School Suspension) or alternate holding area until clothing is bought. If clothing is not bought for a student,

the student will remain in ISS (In School Suspension) the remainder of the day. The student's work will be provided. If student remains in ISS (In School Suspension) the remainder of the day due to a lack of clothing provided, student will be issued a second violation to be administered by administration.

Elementary/Middle/High Schools

Second Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus as a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve two days of structured lunch time.

Elementary Schools

Third Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus and a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve three days of a structured lunch times. A required parent conference with administration will be scheduled.

Middle/High Schools

Third Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus and a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve one day of ISS (In School Suspension). A required parent conference with administration will be scheduled.

Elementary Schools

Fourth Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus and a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve five days of a structured lunch times. A required parent conference with administration will be scheduled. A Behavioral Contract will be put in place at parent conference.

Middle/High Schools

Fourth Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus and a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve three days of ISS (In School Suspension). A required parent conference with administration will be scheduled. A Behavioral Contract will be put in place at parent conference.

Elementary Schools

Fifth Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus and a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve an out of school suspension. A required parent conference with administration will be scheduled. A Behavioral Contract will be put in place and/or revised at parent conference.

Middle/High Schools

Fifth Violation - student will be asked to change clothes or call parents for a change of clothing. Parents will be notified by administration. Infraction will be recorded in Infinite Campus and a discipline letter will be sent to parent. Students will serve 5 days of ISS (In School Suspension). A required parent conference with administration will be scheduled. A Behavioral Contract will be put in place and/or revised at parent conference.

Additional violations will result in additional consequences deemed appropriate by administration.

If at any point, the student refuses to change clothing as required by administration, additional consequences may be given if needed.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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State References

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Description

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