

Claiborne Board of Education

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1 Claiborne County Schools respects students’ rights to express themselves in the way they dress. All
 2 students who attend Claiborne County Schools are also expected to respect the school community by
 3 dressing appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Student attire should facilitate
 4 participation in learning and the health and safety of students and the adults who supervise them. This
 5 policy is intended to guide students, staff, and parents.

6 Claiborne County Board of Education prohibits students from wearing, while on the grounds of a
 7 public school during the regular school day, clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an
 8 indecent manner that disrupts the learning environment.

- 9 1. Students must wear clothing, including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for
 10 example, dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes.
- 11 2. All shirts and blouses must be long enough to go past the waistline to overlap the pants/
 12 skirt/shorts, etc. covering the back, with no cutouts or see-through elements.
- 13 3. Clothing of a type, or worn in such a manner, so as to reveal bare skin between the upper chest and
 14 mid-thigh is not permitted.
- 15 4. Clothing must cover the front and back with no cutouts or see-through elements. See through or
 16 mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meets the minimum
 17 requirements of the dress code.
- 18 5. Clothing must be worn appropriately and must cover undergarments at all times.
- 19 6. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit. The length of bottoms
 20 cannot be shorter than the tip of the fingers when arms are placed straight at the sides of the body.
 21 Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the tip of fingers when arms are placed straight at the
 22 sides of the body.
- 23 7. All pants and shorts must fit at the waist. No sagging or low riding will be permitted.

- 1 8. Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities, including physical education,
2 science labs, woodshop, and other activities where unique hazards exist. In addition, specialized
3 courses may require specialized attire, such as athletic apparel or safety gear.
- 4 9. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (bedroom shoes or
5 slippers should not be worn).
- 6 10. Students are prohibited from wearing clothing, headwear, jewelry, tattoos or other articles of
7 personal appearance that:
 - 8 a) Depict profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, or violence.
 - 9 b) Promote the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal products.
 - 10 c) Contains sexually suggestive messages.
 - 11 d) Contain language or symbols that degrade gender, culture, religion, sexual orientation,
12 endanger health and/or safety, or ethnic values.
 - 13 e) Endanger health or safety.
- 14 11. Some examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to:
 - 15 a) Belly shirts/crop tops
 - 16 b) Capes
 - 17 c) Off the shoulder tops
 - 18 d) Bathing suits
 - 19 e) Tank tops
 - 20 f) Tops that expose undergarments
 - 21 g) Sleep attire
- 22 12. The wearing of hats, caps, bandanas, or sunglasses is not allowed at school. Medical exceptions
23 will be considered by the administration.
- 24 13. Non-jewelry chains that could be used to injure others, such as wallet chains, cannot be worn or
25 carried at school.
- 26 14. Athletes are to leave their team bags with equipment with a coach or teacher upon arriving at
27 school.
- 28 15. Shop and lab rules will be adhered to in the school setting..
- 29 16. Exceptions to policy shall be given consideration when a school authorized activity requires
30 different attire. Other exceptions may be granted by the administration upon request. The

- 1 administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress.
2 Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code
3 appropriate clothing.
- 4 17. The school administration reserves the right to disapprove any items not addressed in this policy
5 but considered disruptive to the school.
- 6 18. Decisions to disapprove items will be based on the goal of providing a safe and disruptive free
7 environment for the education of all students.
- 8 19. Principals will have the authority to suspend or waive restrictions of this policy for events such as
9 but not limited to school sponsored activities.
- 10 20. Violation of the dress code will result in the following actions at the Principal's or Vice Principal's
11 discretion:
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- 13 a) First offense: Warning, correcting, and/or possibly sending home.
 - 14 b) Second offense: Parents called and in school detention (1 day).
 - 15 c) Third offense: Parents called and in school detention (3 days).
 - 16 d) Fourth offense: Suspension for one to three days.
 - 17 e) Fifth offense: Discipline Committee meeting resulting in ten days' suspension, thirty days
18 at the alternative school, or expulsion from school.



Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1)

Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300
Suspension 6.316