

# Claiborne Board of Education

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1 To comply with TCA 49-6-4009 amendment effective July 1, 2012, the Claiborne County Board of  
2 Education prohibits students from wearing, while on the grounds of a public school during the regular  
3 school day, clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent manner that disrupts the  
4 learning environment.<sup>1</sup>

- 5 1. All shirts and blouses must be long enough to go past the waistline to overlap the pants/  
6 skirt/shorts, etc. covering the back, with no cutouts or see-through elements. If pockets are not  
7 mostly showing, the shirt or blouse must be tucked.  
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- 9 2. Pants, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be worn so that the waistband (top) is above the hips.  
10 Jeans with holes above the knee must be worn with an additional legwear undergarment, which  
11 includes but may not be limited to knit or spandex leggings, tights, or under liner shorts.  
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- 13 3. Clothing of a type, or worn in such a manner, so as to reveal bare skin between the upper chest  
14 and mid-thigh is not permitted.  
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- 16 4. Dresses must cover the back with no cutouts or see-through elements.  
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- 18 5. Sleeveless shirts, blouses and dresses must come up to the armpit.  
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- 20 6. Clothing must be worn appropriately, no one rolled up pant leg, no unfastened bib overalls, etc.  
21 Tight-fitting legwear, which includes but may not be limited to, knit or spandex leggings or  
22 tights, must be worn with a shirt, top, dress, or skirt that reaches the mid-thigh area in length.  
23 Shorts and skirts must always reach the mid-thigh area in length.  
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- 25 7. Students are prohibited from wearing clothing, headwear, jewelry, tattoos or other articles of  
26 personal appearance that:
  - 27 a. Depict profanity, obscenity, the use of weapons, or violence.
  - 28 b. Promote the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
  - 29 c. Contain sexually suggestive messages.
  - 30 d. Contain language or symbols that degrade gender, culture, religion, sexual orientation,  
31 or ethnic values.
  - 32 e. Endanger health or safety.
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- 34 8. Some examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to:
  - 35 a. Bare midriff tops
  - 36 b. Belly shirts
  - 37 c. Mesh tops

- 1 d. Halter tops
- 2 e. Capes
- 3 f. Off the shoulder tops
- 4 g. Muscle shirts
- 5 h. Dusters
- 6 i. Short shorts/Miniskirts
- 7 j. Bathing suits
- 8 k. Trench coats
- 9 l. Tank tops
- 10 m. Tube tops
- 11 n. Spaghetti straps
- 12 o. Bedtime attire
- 13 p. Clothing two (2) or more sizes too large
- 14 q. Clothing with large pockets (cargo style)
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- 16 9. The wearing of hats, caps, bandanas, or sunglasses is not allowed at school. Medical exceptions
- 17 will be considered by the administration.
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- 19 10. There is to be no jewelry affixed to a student's nose, tongue, cheek, lip, or eyebrow. No visibly
- 20 pierced jewelry shall be worn except in the ears.
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- 22 11. Non-jewelry chains that could be used to injure others, such as wallet chains, cannot be worn
- 23 or carried at school.
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- 25 12. Athletes are to leave their team bags with equipment with a coach or teacher upon arriving at
- 26 school.
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- 28 13. Shop and lab rules will be adhered to in the school setting.
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- 30 Exceptions to policy shall be given consideration when an authorized activity, such as athletics or band,
- 31 requires different attire. Other exceptions may be granted by the administration upon request.
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- 33 The school administration reserves the right to disapprove any items not addressed in this policy but
- 34 considered disruptive to the school.
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- 36 Decisions to disapprove items will be based on the goal of providing a safe and disruptive free
- 37 environment for the education of all students.
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- 39 Principals will have the authority to suspend or waive restrictions of this policy for events such as, but not
- 40 limited to, proms, homecoming dances, or school sponsored activities aimed at promoting school spirit.
- 37 Violation of the dress code will result in the following actions at the Principal's or Vice Principal's
- 38 discretion:
- 39 *First offense:* Warning, correcting, and/or possibly sending home.
- 40 *Second offense:* Parents called and in school detention (1 day).

- 1 *Third offense:* Parents called and in school detention (3 days).
- 2 *Fourth offense:* Suspension for one to three days.
- 3 *Fifth offense:* Discipline Committee meeting resulting in ten days' suspension, thirty days at the
- 4 alternative school, or expulsion from school.
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**Legal References**

1. TCA 49-6-4009; TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1) ; TCA 49-1-302(j)

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**Cross References**

Discipline Procedures 6.313  
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316