

Tallapoosa County Schools Guidelines to “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 all students K-12.

Students in Tallapoosa County shall abide by the following modified dress guidelines:

1. All clothing choices (shirts, pants, jackets, etc.) are to be solid in color, without symbols, slogans, logos, emblems, pictures or any other items that would prevent them from being solid in nature. (No writing will be allowed on these shirts but a small pocket or left chest logo, no larger than a quarter in size, will be acceptable.) North Face and similarly styled jackets will be allowed.
2. Solid color pants and/or blue jeans of a solid color shall be worn at the natural waistline. A belt with shirt tucked in is required for all boys.
3. Skorts, shorts and skirts of a solid color should be no more than 2 inches from the knee standing with arms hanging naturally by the side. Slits in items must also be no more than 2 inches from the knee standing with arms hanging naturally by the side.
4. Boys should wear a “polo style” collared shirt or a dress collared shirt. Girls have the same option or may wear dress tops (none t-shirt variety) with sleeves and cover the entire shoulder, cleavage, abdomen, and back. Students should be able to raise arms without showing abdomen or back.
5. For safety reasons, piercings will be limited to ears only.
6. All clothing should be worn as intended by the manufacturer.
7. School-sponsored tops and jackets are the only exception to the above mentioned items and may be worn on Fridays and other School Spirit days which are set by school administration.
8. Hair shall be neat, clean, and of natural color.

Students are **prohibited** from wearing the following:

1. Sunglasses either on face or on top of the head.
2. Leggings, see-through, skintight, spandex and/or revealing clothing.
3. Open or chain belts, including metal chains on pants and chain wallets.
4. Unfastened overalls.
5. Sleeveless shirts and/or boat neck, tank top, cap sleeves and other like items.
6. Pants/slacks with appearance of sagging, and/or showing underwear.
7. Hats, caps, and other headgear.
8. Curlers, picks, or combs.
9. Clothing with holes or frays above should have a patch underneath.
10. Athletic wear, including but not limited to sweat pants, sweat shorts, gym shorts, wind suits, tights, pajama pants, volleyball and basketball pants. Sports teams will not be allowed to wear wind suits on game day.
11. Velour and terrycloth clothing.

~~ Rule of thumb: If you are in doubt about a particular garment or outfit, **don't** wear it.

School administration reserves the right to make decisions regarding student attire and grooming not covered in the above dress guidelines, including as an example, but not necessarily limited to, the type of footwear and/or shoes. Exceptions may be made to any of the above 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.