

STUDENT DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

School Board Policy JCDB

UNIFORM DRESS CODE COMPLIANCE POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Newton County School District to create an atmosphere that is safe and unobtrusive for students to learn and teachers to teach. Since the enactment of the Uniform Dress Code all students are to be in compliance. **All students who were in attendance last year are expected to be in compliance the first day of school.** However, students who are new to this district may not be aware of the Uniform Dress Code. Once these students have legally enrolled, a grace period of seven (7) days will be granted to these students to become compliant with the Uniform Dress Code. Once the grace period has concluded, these students will not be allowed on campus until such time as they become compliant with the Uniform Dress Code. After the grace period, every day missed will be unexcused.

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE APPLIES TO THE NEWTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Uniform Tops:

Short/Long Sleeve Polo Shirts

Approved Colors: Royal Blue, Orange, or White

Short/Long Sleeve Polo Shirts **MUST** be worn Monday-Friday unless you are participating in the Academic Thursday or Spirit Friday.

All uniform tops must be tucked in properly.

Uniform Bottoms:

Pants/Capris/Skirts/Shorts

Approved Colors: Khaki or Navy—Uniform style

Belts: A belt must be worn through the belt loops

Prohibited Bottoms:

No cargo pants

No spandex/polyester/other tight fitting pants/capris/skirts/shorts

No sagging (pants/shorts must fit properly; cannot be more than one size too big)

No pants/capris/skirts/shorts without belt loops No belts hanging down from the waist

No cut, frayed or rolled up pants legs

No skirts/shorts more than 3" above the knee

No slit in skirts

No denim

Shoes:

Students must wear shoes approved and in compliance with the SUDC. Athletic shoes, loafers, and boots are preferred. All shoes must be properly tied or fastened.

Prohibited Shoes: No platform or spiked heels
No lighted sole

Note: Students who wear an approved uniform top and bottom will be in compliance with the SUDC. All other accessories are optional.

ACCESSORIES

Undershirts:

Approved undershirts are: Turtlenecks and T-shirts

Approved Colors: Royal Blue, Orange, White, Gray, Black

All undershirts must be tucked in properly.

Jackets:

Approved School Jackets/Zip Up or Button Up

Approved Colors: Royal Blue, Orange, White, Gray, Black, Brown, Navy

Styles: Must not be longer than mid-thigh

School logo is allowed but not mandatory

Jackets: During extreme cold weather, at administration discretion, other jackets may be allowed.

Sweatshirts, Hoodies, Sweaters, Vests:

Approved Colors—Royal Blue, Orange, White, Gray, Black

A collared shirt must be worn Monday-Friday except on Academic Thursday and Spirit Friday.

Logos: Brand logos must not be larger than 2 inches

Spirit Day: During the school year each Friday will be designated as a “spirit day.” On this day, school colors and school organizations will be promoted. Tops may include those listed above, plus any shirt that appropriately displays Newton County School District colors or logos that promote any school organization associated with the Newton County School District. Uniform bottoms will remain the same. All other rules will apply as stated above.

Academic Day: The official **Newton County Middle/High School 2015-2016, “Cougar Strong”** shirt can be worn on Thursdays by students. If students choose not to wear the 2015-2016, academic-themed shirt, the standard dress code for Thursday will remain in effect.

STUDENTS WHO VIOLATE THE UNIFORM POLICY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE APPROPRIATE STEP OF THE SCHOOL’S DRESS CODE ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE PLAN

Step 1. Warning—notify student or parent in writing with a signed form

Step 2. Saturday School—notify student or parent in writing with a signed form

Step 3. Paddling—notify student or parent in writing with a signed form

Step 4. Referral back to Step 3 on the Assertive Discipline Ladder on page 36

STUDENTS WHO COMPROMISE ANY OF THE REGULATIONS BELOW WILL BE REFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE APPROPRIATE STEP ON THE SCHOOL'S ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE PLAN.

1. Unusual body piercing and wearing of pierced jewelry will not be allowed. (I.E. eyebrows, nose, tongue, flesh expanders, etc.)
2. Males shall not wear earrings at school or at school sponsored events.
3. Students shall practice good hygiene in body and clothing.
4. Students' hair shall be neat and well-groomed. Hair must be kept out of eyes, and be a natural color (NO pink, blue, orange, green, red, etc.)
5. No head wear allowed. (I.E. caps, toboggans, bandanas, etc.)
6. Students appearance must not distract from the learning environment.