

Jefferson Schools, in carrying out its responsibility for creating a proper learning environment, encourages good taste in dress and grooming appropriate to the learning activity at hand. In general, it shall be the responsibility of the individual student; his/her parents, and high school staff to follow the guidelines for appropriate dress within reasonable standards or social acceptance. Factors of modesty, health, safety, and the orderly functioning of the school are the determiners of appropriate dress, shoulder to mid-thigh should be covered. Skirts and shorts need to be as long as the student's fingertips while they are standing with their arms to the sides and their shoulders relaxed. This applies even if something (tights, spandex, leggings, shorts) are worn underneath. Hats should be kept in a student's locker. They are not to be worn from 15 min before school starts until the school day ends. Hats that are worn will be confiscated and they may not be given back for 30 days unless a parent comes to pick it up. Repeat offenders are considered insubordinate and are subject to suspension. Students clothing is not to be mutilated. Holes, tears, and frays are not to be above the fingertips of a student while they are standing with their arms to the sides and their shoulders relaxed. This applies even if something (tights, spandex, leggings, shorts) are worn underneath. All holes, tears, and frays that are below a student's fingertips cannot be more than 3.75 inches long. The easy way to remember this is that holes, tears or frays should be able to be covered by a school ID or driver's license.

Dress code offenders must change immediately. The office will try to provide appropriate clothes but it is ultimately the responsibility of the students and their parents to make sure students are dressed appropriately for school. Students may NOT leave campus to change because attendance is imperative for a student to succeed academically. Those who do leave are insubordinate and are subject to suspension. Repeat offenders will incur additional consequences. Bookbags, backpacks, and purses are not allowed in the classrooms (safety concern) and should be kept in a student's lockers.

Within this framework, clothing or grooming shall be considered unacceptable if it creates a clear and present danger to the health and safety of the students or other persons; or creates or potentially creates a disruptive influence on the educational process; for example, head coverings, sunglasses, short shorts, spandex shorts, torn or mutilated clothing, pajamas, cutoffs, tank tops or tops with "spaghetti" straps, see-through blouses, gang dress or colors, spiked jewelry, soiled clothing, trench coats, clothing with profanity, vulgar and offensive suggestions, or clothing which is sexually suggestive, or promotes, displays advertises alcohol or drugs, which infringes upon the rights and freedom of other students, or causes a substantial disruption is not allowed. Safe and appropriate shoes will be worn at all times.