

## DRESS CODE WORTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023-2024

Students should dress in an appropriate and reasonable manner that is not distracting to other students and teachers. **The administration, faculty and staff reserve the right to decide the suitability of any and all garments and accessories.** The following guidelines will be employed though they are not all-inclusive:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No clothes with slits or holes that show skin above the knee are to be worn to school without wearing another layer under such items.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may not wear any outer garments, accessories or clothes that have any printed words that might be considered suggestive, vulgar, degrading, violent or profane; or advertise and/or promote the use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products; and/or show affiliation with any gang, group or social club not approved by the school administration. No gothic or “emo”-like appearance is allowed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No dresses or skirts are to be worn which are more than three inches above the knee. Shorts may not be more than four inches above the knee.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dresses, blouses, sweaters and shirts must not be strapless, low-cut front and/or back, halter top or see-through fishnet or crotch type material. Bare midriffs or tank tops are NOT allowed. Pants and jeans should fit around the waist and should be the proper length. No sleeveless shirts for boys are to be worn. All clothes must be worn as intended; not backwards, inside out, etc. No oversized shirts may be worn.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No wallet chains, vendor chains, biker chains, combs with exaggerated points or medallions (greater than 2” in length) are allowed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoes (except for medical reasons) must be worn at all times. No bedroom shoes are allowed. Appropriate footwear may be required for specific courses and/or specific areas. For example, flip flops or shower shoes may not be worn to school.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No clothing such as spandex shorts, leggings, jeggings and tights unless outer clothing worn over it is no more than 3 inches above the knee. Items considered appropriate to wear over such clothing: shorts, skirts, dresses. This does not include coats/jackets.</li> <li><b><u>Leggings</u> - The length of the dress or top worn over the leggings must fall below the fingertip length when arms are held loosely at the side.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pants made of soft material such as: yoga pants, sleepwear or swim suits are not acceptable as school apparel (any exception to this rule requires the explicit approval of the principal). See-through material allowing undergarments or skin to be visible is not permitted. No pajama pants, lounge pants or pajama-like clothing is allowed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hats, caps, head coverings of any type are not allowed (including hoods). Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building. This includes sunglasses worn on top of the head.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For student safety, jewelry must not be worn during physical education. All PE attire must adhere to the dress code guidelines. For example, if a student wears basketball shorts in school, shorts may not be more than four inches above the knee.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Belts, suspenders and overalls will be buckled and/or buttoned. All clothing will be worn at the appropriate level and not below the waistline. <b>If necessary, a belt will be worn to keep clothing at the appropriate waist level. No “sagging” is allowed.</b></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards and sideburns are allowed. Hairstyles must not be unruly or unkempt.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No visual body piercing is allowed except for ear studs.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will not be allowed to leave school to correct dress code violations. Administrator’s discretion will be used to the method to correct a violation.</li></ul>

**\*Regardless of personal taste in clothing, all clothing must meet the above requirements.**