

KANAWHA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

Student Dress Policy

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36.01 Policy and Purpose:

The appropriateness of a student's dress for the school environment should dictate the choice of clothing and grooming practices on each given day.

All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness and neatness; to dress within the acceptable standards of the community and in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere, not detract from it. The student who fails to comply with this dress code may be sent home and be subject to disciplinary actions.

Any clothing, accessories, symbols, jewelry, or other paraphernalia, which depicts or suggests association with a gang shall not be brought to school, worn at school, or in any way be present at any school related event. Oversized or baggy clothing, which may present a safety hazard may not be worn.

Any other considerations, i.e. religious, medical, et al., will be determined by the individual school principal. The school administration shall have the right to consider any current fashion to determine its acceptability for school wear.

Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained **PRIOR TO WEARING IT TO SCHOOL**; this can be obtained from the school administration. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school's administration.

Teachers are charged with the responsibility of enforcing student dress code policy in their classes as well as on campus. Administrators and other school personnel share the same responsibility. Teachers shall follow building procedure for discipline referral regarding dress code violations.

No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with district policies. It should be noted, however, that it is the responsibility of the student and parent that the student adhere to the Dress Code, as follows:

36.02 General:

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Any clothing, jewelry or accessories with decorations, patches, lettering, advertisements, etc., that may be considered obscene or offensive are not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry, accessories that may be used as weapons, which have drug emblems, contain obscenities, tobacco or alcoholic beverage references, which may be considered derogatory towards a race, culture or religion, or which may be considered any form of harassment.

Crop tops, tube tops and halters are unacceptable. Strapless dresses without jackets are unacceptable.

Transparent and/or see through material is considered unacceptable. Shirts or blouses must cover the entire torso at all times, even in movement.

No undergarments, i.e, bras, panties, briefs or boxers may be visible. Also no body parts of a personal or private nature, i.e., buttocks, genitalia or female breasts may be exposed.

At the secondary level, a boy's shirt should cover the entire crown of the shoulder.

36.03 Dresses, Skirts and Shorts:

The length of a skirt, dress or shorts must extend to at least the student's mid-thigh.

36.04 Pants:

Form-fitting pants, such as spandex or bicycle pants, may only be worn with another layer of clothing which meets the dress code. Any tears, rips or cuts in trousers or pants must be below the knee.

Students shall wear their trousers or overalls properly--the waist at the waist; no sagging.

36.05 Accessories:

All students must wear shoes. Flip-flops, thongs or similar type shoe, which fit between the toes, are considered unsafe and, therefore, are not

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allowed at the elementary level. Such footwear may be worn in middle and high schools.

Hair should be kept neat, clean, and reasonably styled.

Any type of head covering is unacceptable.

Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not be a distraction to the learning environment.

Chain or spike jewelry is unacceptable.

Pierced body ornaments are restricted to the ear.

Tattoos, which would violate this policy if worn as clothing, must be covered.