

DRESS CODE 2016 – 2017

At Okeeheelee Middle School, we recognize that **appearance matters**. Proper dress code impacts good behavior. In an effort to ensure the proper atmosphere of learning, we have a clear, unambiguous dress code for all students.

ALL CLOTHES must FIT PROPERLY and not be EXCESSIVELY LOOSE FITTING or EXCESSIVELY TIGHT. All clothing must be worn AS INTENDED, for example, NOT BACKWARDS or INSIDE OUT. **NOTE: Repeated dress code violations which have been preceded by warnings and consequences will result in out of school suspension since it clearly shows DISRESPECT for school rules and DISOBEDIENCE to adult authority.**

THE FOLLOWING CLOTHING IS ACCEPTABLE:

1. SHIRTS: Only three kinds of shirts may be worn. **POLO and T-SHIRTS must be obtained at Okeeheelee Middle School. We sell shirts at "cost", i.e., we make no profit.**

- a) **Solid colored "polo" style.** THREE colors: gray, teal, or a shade of blue.
- b) **Solid colored T-shirts,** Colors: gray, teal, or a shade of blue. *Self Check: The wearer places open hand and base of neck and does NOT touch skin.*
- c) **Solid oxford style collared shirt.** TWO colors: gray and a shade of blue. An "**oxford style collared shirt**" is defined as a **solid-colored** dress shirt with a soft button-down collar. No more than two buttons may be undone at the neck.

- It is not acceptable for students to wear "layered" shirts unless all shirts worn conform with dress code. *EXAMPLE: Shirt beneath outer shirt.*
- It is not acceptable to wear shirts extended below the arms held at the side with fingers bent in toward the body at a right angle.

2. SWEATSHIRTS AND JACKETS

All outerwear will be prohibited *before* a declared date in the autumn and *after* a declared date in the spring of each school year.

- **NOTE:** Sweatshirts and jackets CANNOT be used to cover up a dress code violation. Heavy shirts are NOT a sweatshirt, sweater or jacket.

3. PANTS

- ALL PANTS MUST BE A **SOLID** COLOR.
- It is not acceptable to tuck pant legs into shoes or socks, roll closed or wear elastic ankle ties.
- Only long pants are acceptable. *Pants rolled up above ankles are not acceptable.* "**Long**" is defined as extending to the feet.
- All pants must fit properly **and be worn at the natural waist.**
- Pants must have **no holes, no ripped openings,** extreme styles, and no pockets on the pant legs.
- Sweat pants, warm-up pants, and blousy pants are not permitted.
- Boots may be worn with pants tucked in them.

4. DRESSES AND SKIRTS:

- Dresses must comply with solid school colors (gray or any shade of blue).
- Dresses and skirts must reach the top of the kneecap.
- Slits must not reach above the top of the kneecap.
- Dresses must have a cap or sleeve on the arm or shoulder.

4. FOOTWEAR FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

- Must have a closed toe and heel
- Heels must be no taller than one inch

5. MORE FORMAL ATTIRE

- Students may be permitted to wear more formal or "dress up" clothing. For example, all athletes must wear more formal clothing on game days.
- Also, should a student wish to do this on any other day, such as wear a sport jacket, suit and/or tie, this too is acceptable.

THE FOLLOWING CLOTHING IS UNACCEPTABLE:

- ❖ **Beads** of any kind, *including rosaries* worn as necklaces.
- ❖ **Bandanas** of any kind.
- ❖ **Oversized necklaces, chains or medallions** (Administration will be the judge).
- ❖ **"Grills"** (metallic teeth coverings) of any kind.
- ❖ **Belts with loose end worn hanging from the waist.**
- ❖ **Athletic jerseys, sleeveless, or tank tops of any style.**
- ❖ Oversized, stretch, nylon or sweat pants.
- ❖ **"Brazilian" pants (excessively tight stretch pants) are prohibited.**
- ❖ Elastic/stretch athletic-style headbands.
- ❖ Shorts of any style or length including Capri pants.
- ❖ Sheer, see-through, or midriff clothing.
- ❖ **Torn or ripped clothing.**
- ❖ Sharp jewelry including dog/cat chains or collars and wallet/belt chains.
- ❖ Flip-flops, sandals, bedroom slippers, or spike heels.
- ❖ Make-up and other hair grooming aids used outside of restrooms.
- ❖ Sunglasses unless a doctor's permit is on file. Contact lenses and glasses must be of standard style and not appear distracting.
- ❖ Haircuts, clothing, or other marking that is offensive, suggestive, indecent, distracting, or associated with gangs.
- ❖ **Hats** or head coverings (unless they are required for safety, medical, or specific religious reasons).

The administration is the final judge on what is distracting and/or unacceptable clothing.