

PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND DRESS CODE

Metro Nashville Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure school environment. In addition, a proper learning atmosphere is essential for the education of each student. MNPS Standard School Attire is an effective strategy to promote enhanced student appearance and behavior, which are key ingredients of a positive learning environment in which student safety and achievement are the highest priorities.

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

MCHS students will observe the following standards for attire while also respecting the original Metro Schools Dress Code. Students' dress and grooming shall be appropriate, clean and neat. Clothes and appearance must be safe and not disruptive to the educational process.

Dress Code rules apply during school hours and at all school events or school-sponsored activities. This means that if a student attends a college-level class after school hours or during a time when Metro Schools is out for break, the dress code does not apply.

Students may wear any style of clothing, any color, as long as the conditions below are met:

1. Students' dress and grooming shall be appropriate, clean and neat. Dress which is disturbing and distracting in school is inappropriate. Clothes and appearance must be safe and not disruptive to the educational process.
2. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must reach and extend below the fingertip. This includes articles of clothing worn over tights or leggings.
3. Topcoats and heavy jackets may not be worn in the classroom. No more than one lightweight outer garment with pockets may be worn. Hoodies are permitted when worn as they are intended by the manufacturer.
4. All pants must be worn at the waist. No sagging or low riding under any circumstances. A belt is required unless the garment is made with an elastic waistband which effectively keeps the pants at the waist.
5. No see-through type clothing is to be worn.
6. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. No house shoes permitted.
7. Inappropriate head coverings such as bandanas, scarves, sweatbands, caps, do-rags, or hairnets are not to be worn in classrooms or school office. (Religious head coverings will be allowed.)
8. Undershirts and tank tops, if worn, must be worn with another "cover-up" shirt. Shoulders, backs, chest, and midriffs must be covered.
9. Torn clothing is prohibited, whether tears are intentional or not.
10. Clothing that advertises substances that are illegal for teens, (drugs, alcohol, tobacco products) language or writing that is otherwise inappropriate or offensive, (sex, profanity, racial or ethnic slurs, gang related attire, etc.) may not be worn or otherwise displayed. This also includes spiked garments and accessories, long or large chains, inappropriate jewelry or inappropriate messages displayed on personal belongings.
11. Tattoos that display drugs, sex, alcohol, tobacco products must not be seen at anytime.

12. *Local school administration and the District reserve the right to modify this policy as necessary. The local school principal reserves the right to determine what might be inappropriate, disruptive or unsafe as it applies to the local school environment.*