

Minersville Area Dress Code

DRESS & GROOMING POLICY #221 (REVISED APRIL 28, 2008)

The following dress and grooming guidelines shall apply to all students in grades Four-K through 12:

All students in grades Four-K through 12 shall be subject to a uniform dress code consisting of:

1. Khaki, Dark Navy, Black, Gray or Corduroy full-length pants or Capri pants (Refer to Guideline #1).
2. Khaki, Dark Navy, Black, Gray or Corduroy shorts, skirts or jumpers (Refer to Guideline #2).
3. Solid colored shirts (Refer to Guideline #3).

Guidelines:

1. Pants will be straight-legged dress or casual slacks in the above listed colors. Pants may not be of the cargo or carpenter style with pockets below the hips, loops, straps, elastic ankles or other comparable adornments. Pants must be worn at the waist and fit comfortably. Excessively tight or baggy pants will NOT be permitted. Sweat pants are NOT permitted. Pants must be of an appropriate length, so as not to drag on the floor. Garments worn so as to expose underwear will be in defiance of the dress code.
2. Students are permitted to wear shorts, skirts or jumpers that are knee-length or longer in the above listed colors. Cargo or carpenter shorts are NOT permitted. NOTE: PANTS, CAPRI PANTS, SHORTS, SKIRTS OR JUMPERS MADE OF DENIM AND/OR LEATHER MATERIAL MAY NOT BE WORN. PAJAMA SHIRTS OR PANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
3. Shirts will be of solid color, collared, long or short-sleeved pullover, or golf-style, appropriately sized, buttoned to the base of the neck and tucked in. Students may wear solid colored turtleneck shirts as the primary garment. Students may also wear solid colored turtleneck shirts and crewneck solid colored shirts under the regulation shirt. A full torso sweater may be worn over a regulation collared shirt or turtleneck shirt. See-through shirts are NOT permitted to ensure garments or accessories worn underneath are not visible. All shirts must have sleeves which cover the shoulders. Tank tops, sleeveless tops, shells, mesh tops, sheer tops, bare midriffs or any other garments that expose the upper torso will NOT be permitted. A solid colored crewneck sweatshirt or MASD related crew neck sweatshirt is permitted over a regulation collared shirt or turtleneck. Hooded sweatshirts of any type are NOT permitted.
4. For safety reasons, the School District reserves the right to insist upon age appropriate footwear and will challenge any style which places a student at risk.
5. There shall be NO clothing worn depicting the following: (a) drug, alcohol or tobacco messages; (b) messages with implications of a sexual nature, obscenities, suggestive remarks or messages, negative comments about another's culture, or

- references to illegal substances or unlawful acts; (c) insignias related to racist or hate groups; (d) replicas or depictions, in whole or part, of the Confederate flag.
6. Mutilation of clothing, which includes purposely cutting holes or tearing of the clothing will NOT be permitted.
 7. Jewelry and other adornments:
 - (a) Appropriate footwear suitable for indoor traffic must be worn in the building at all times. Unsafe footwear such as slippers and/or clogs with heels larger than two (2) inches shall NOT be worn.
 - (b) Hats, handkerchiefs, or similar headwear, or any head cover may NOT be worn in the school building during regular school hours, except for approved religious or health reasons.
 - (c) There shall be NO chains worn, except those designated as jewelry.
 - (d) Hair coloring non-existent in natural form shall NOT be permitted.
 - (e) Spandex shorts or pants, bicycle pants or shorts are NOT permitted, except as part of an approved uniform for an approved school activity.
 - (f) Undergarments worn as outer garments are prohibited.
 - (g) Earrings and body rings and piercings worn at locations other than the ears are NOT permitted, specifically, those worn in the nose, eyebrows, tongue, cheek or any other visible location other than the ears are NOT permitted.
 - (h) The piercing of body parts and the insertion of jewelry or other objects, which result in bleeding, oozing of bodily fluids, or other physical condition that may reasonably pose a danger to the student or others is NOT permitted.
 - (i) Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside the school building, unless required by a physician.

NOTE: THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF STUDENTS TO WEAR JEWELRY AND OTHER ADORNMENTS; HOWEVER, THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE TO BE WORN OR DISPLAYED MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT POSE A DANGER TO THE SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE STUDENT OR OTHER STUDENTS OR STAFF AND/OR POSE A THREAT OR INTERRUPTION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS. AS DEEMED NECESSARY, THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND/OR TEACHING STAFF MAY REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS REMOVE ANY JEWELRY OR OTHER ADORNMENTS, WHICH MAY REASONABLY BE CONSIDERED AS POSING A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENT OR OTHER STUDENTS OR STAFF OR POSE A THREAT OR INTERRUPTION TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

Administrative Guideline: The principal or his/her designee is arbiter of all of the above guidelines and what does or doesn't pertain to each. The final decision of what is deemed proper or improper dress will be determined by the principal and/or his designee. Any manner or type of attire, appearance, or grooming which causes interference with the learning process or creates a classroom disruption or school disorder will be subject to disciplinary action.