

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE

Students of the Tussey Mountain School District are required to groom themselves in a manner that is modest, clean, appropriate, decent, and not disruptive to the educational process. Clothes shall be clean so as not to promote unhealthy or unsanitary conditions. Students are expected to abide by this dress code upon arrival to the school building through the defined ending of the school day. The requirements include, but are not limited to:

Definitions:

- Cleavage Area: An area between the breasts exposed by a low-cut neckline.
- Skorts: Shorts with a skirt-like overlay.
- Midriff Area: An area between the chest and the abdomen.

Head Coverings:

- Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Haircuts or hairstyles that draw attention to the wearer or detract from the educational process are not acceptable.
- Hats and/or head coverings of any kind, including bandanas, HEADBANDS and visors, shall not be worn in the school building unless approved for religious or medical reasons.
- Certain headbands, scrunchies, etc. which are used to hold hair in place and do not cover the entire head are permitted.

Skirts/Shorts/Skorts/Pants:

- Skirts, shorts, and skorts should not be excessively short (**SHOULD NOT BE SHORTER THAN THE LENGTH OF THE LONGEST FINGER WHEN ARMS ARE RELAXED**). Students who participate in cheerleading, when required by their advisor, may wear their cheer uniforms without violation of this provision.
- Pants shall cover undergarments at all times.
- Pants shall not be excessively long as to drag on the floor.
- Skirts, shorts, and skorts shall be no shorter than knee length from October 1st until April 30th.
- Pants, shorts, and skorts shall not have holes any higher than finger tip length.
- **PANTS MUST HAVE WAISTS THAT ARE SUFFICIENTLY FITTING TO KEEP FROM SLIDING DOWN THE STUDENT'S HIPS. IF PANTS ARE TOO BAGGY, A BELT MUST BE WORN.**

Shirts:

- Shirts must cover the entire back (i.e. no cutout backs, no shirts that tie in the back).
- Bare midriffs, tube tops, or halter-tops are prohibited, including tops or blouses that show the midriff when arms are raised above the head.
- Undergarments must be covered
- See-through shirts are not permitted.

- Shirts shall fit modestly so that the cleavage area is covered. TWO FEMALE STAFF MEMBERS (1 SENIOR HIGH AND 1 JUNIOR HIGH) WILL SERVE AS MATRONS AND WILL BE THE ARBITERS OF APPROPRIATENESS.
- Boys are not permitted to wear sleeveless shirts at the Jr/Sr High level
- Sleeveless shirts worn by girls must end at the shoulders edge (i.e. no tank tops).
- Shirts with holes are not permitted.

Shoes:

- No bedroom slippers shall be worn.
- Students are not permitted to go barefoot.
- FLIP FLOPS OR OPEN TOES SHOES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN SCIENCE LABS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES, OR CTE (SHOP) CLASSES. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A FAILING GRADE FOR THE DAY IF THEY DO NOT DRESS WITH APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR.
- No shoes with inline skates (i.e. shoes with wheels, Heelys).

Other:

- No pajamas or pajama-like clothing is permitted.
- Clothing that may be used as a weapon may not be worn (i.e. items with spikes or studs, chains, straps, rope, steel-toed boots, etc.)
- No mutilated, cutout, or ragged clothing shall be worn.
- Clothing shall not convey advertisements for condoms or other birth control devices, stated or implied.
- Clothing shall not convey messages that express hate, racial slurs, or sexual harassment.
- Clothing shall not convey establishments or products whose names can be directly interpreted or construed as carrying “double meaning” involving sexual innuendo, tobacco, alcohol, or drug use.
- The American flag shall not be displayed in any way that is disrespectful.
- No foul expressions with possible vulgar connotations are permitted. Drug or alcohol related drawings or expressions shall not be permitted on clothing or accessories.
- No gloves may be worn during school hours.
- Piercings that are judged to be a safety concern shall be removed or covered.

Violations: A student wearing questionable clothing will be referred to a principal. If clothing is deemed inappropriate by the principal, the student will be asked to change or remove the item. Should the student not be able to change or remove the item, the school may provide necessary clothing. Any student not complying with the direction of the principal may be considered insubordinate and subject to appropriate administrative action. In the event of a conflict, students and parents will be afforded due process. Request for exceptions to the dress code for religious or medical reasons or for the purpose of school sponsored events are up to the discretion of the building principal.