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## **April 24, 2018 PRESS RELEASE: FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Franklin County School Administrators met with faculty last week concerning updates to the school dress code. The student dress code has been a topic of concern in recent School Board meetings where administrators have discussed removing the requirement for school shirts for the 2018-19 school year.

Principal Rudd informed the faculty that data will be collected regarding dress code referrals during the month of May stating that, “data collected should allow us to make an educated decision about school shirts for the 2018-19 school year.” Flyers were created with the dress code guidelines and sent home with students and are attached below. Students are still permitted to wear their school shirts, but for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year students have the following flexibility.

### **DRESS CODE AND GROOMING**

A student’s apparel and grooming shall be the responsibility of the individual student and his or her parents or guardians. Each student is expected to dress appropriately and in such a manner that it is respectful to self and others. Dress and grooming shall be clean, healthy, and safe and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Items that when worn together are usually indicative of gang memberships, or apparel that contains a message that is obscene, racist, or promotes illegal activities, (drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products) shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school functions. Items must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive to anyone on campus. Students shall not wear sunglasses or hats in the classroom, hallway or other indoor instructional spaces. This dress code is designed to promote safety and good hygiene as well as allow students the convenience of dressing comfortably while at school. Encouraging students to dress appropriately for school will prepare them to be productive members of society.

#### **Dress Code**

1. Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses: Clothing should not be shorter than mid-thigh. Any slits in the clothing should likewise be no shorter than mid-thigh
2. Shirts: Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, back and sides. This includes when arms are raised above the head;
  - a. Cleavage should not be visible.



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- b. Tank tops (straps less than 3”), tube tops, halters, razorbacks, cutouts, sheer material, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top.
  - c. No tank tops will be permitted for male students.
  - d. Beachwear and sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not permitted (unless pre-approved by the principal).
  - e. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
3. Pants: Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments. (Underwear, boxers, shorts, etc.)
- a. Any pants with holes or slits that reveal flesh that is above mid-thigh is unacceptable.
4. Hats: Head coverings are not permitted indoors. This includes but is not limited to hats, hoods, bandannas, do-rags, and caps. Exceptions may be made by the principal for special school activities or if the student is a member of a legally recognized religious organization requiring a head covering or if there is a legitimate medical necessity.
5. Shoes: Shoes must be worn at all times and conform to the safety requirements of any activity in which the student will take part. Open-toed shoes are acceptable if they are sturdy and fit securely. Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted (unless pre-approved by the principal).
6. Accessories and Jewelry: Accessories and jewelry must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive to anyone on campus. They may not depict drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or be indicative of gang membership. Accessories and jewelry must not be capable of causing physical harm (i.e. fish hooks on caps).

Clothing for special programs (i.e. physical education) is not to be worn in the regular classroom. Uniforms for sports and special activities sponsored by the school and district may be exempt from the Student Dress Code if approved by the administration. Any administrator or designee shall make the final determination concerning questions regarding the appropriateness of dress for school and for school sponsored functions. Students who dress in a manner inconsistent with the approved Dress Code Policy will be required to change clothes. Students may be sent to ISS temporarily as they wait for their parent to arrive with clothing that meets the dress code.