

Policy Committee
October 27, 2011 6:30 PM
MCBOE - Policy Committee

1. **Call to Order for meeting on Standard School Attire**
2. **Officer John Christmas - Lewisburg Police Department**

Gang Clothing and Pattern of Behavior
3. **Beverly Miller - Principal, Mt. Pleasant High School**

Enforcement of Standard Dress Attire
4. **Rick Robinson - Supervisor of Instruction, 9-12; Mary Carter - Supervisor of Attendance and Discipline Maury County School System**

The process of putting the policy in action, developing the policy, explaining policy to parents, and answering questions for parents.
5. **Discussion**
6. **Adjourn**

Chairperson

Superintendent

Marshall County Board of Education

Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

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09/23/09

Review: **Annually,
In April**

Standard School Attire

Rescinds:

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The Board recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming have upon student behavior and commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and to prepare students for working environments, the Board shall require that all students, grades K-12, exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire considered disruptive or risky to health or safety is not appropriate.

DEFINITION OF STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE

Acceptable Attire in all Marshall County Schools

- A) Pants, shorts, Capri pants, skirts, skorts or jumpers in the colors of navy blue, black, any shade khaki, or jeans of any color.
- B) Shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style with button, or turtleneck), in the colors of the prospective school.
- C) All shirts should be properly buttoned and tucked inside pants, shorts, skorts or shirts.
- D) Students will wear clothing of appropriate size. Approximate sizes are defined as no more than one size smaller or one size larger than the student's actual clothing size.

In grades 7-12, school administrators are authorized to enforce the following dress code in a fair manner while applying common sense.

BOTTOM WEAR (waist & below)

Bottom wear must be size appropriate (no sagging) and worn securely around the waist. No Spandex material will be allowed.

Pants, shorts, Capri pants, skirts, skorts, jumpers

1. Full-length pants, cropped pants, and straight-legged Capri pants are permitted. Pants, Capri pants, and shorts must be dress-style or casual dress-style (e.g. Dockers®) Pants must be straight-leg or boot cut.
2. Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts with elastic waistbands must be worn at the waist and do not require a belt.
3. Shorts, jumpers, skirts or skorts must extend below the fingertip.

TOP WEAR

Shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style with button, or turtleneck), in the colors of the prospective school. All shirts should be properly buttoned and tucked inside pants, shorts, skorts or shirts.

DRESSES

1. Dresses with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style or turtleneck) in the district- or school-approved solid colors are acceptable.
2. All blouses and shirts should be properly buttoned and tucked. Chests and midriffs must be covered.
3. Dresses must extend below the fingertip.

SHOES

Shoes must be worn at all times. Laces on shoes or sneakers must be tied. No house shoes are allowed.

ALL APPAREL	<p>Clothing or personal item bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other working, drawing, pictures, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being suggestive, obscene, or offensive, such as a reference to death, the occult, Satanism, etc., is not permitted. “Gang” related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not permitted in school or at any school-related activities.</p> <p>Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to be worn – i.e. clothing worn backwards or inside out or suspenders undone – is not allowed.</p>
HEADWEAR	<p>All clothing must be hemmed and must not have holes, rips, tears, or cuts that show skin. No hats, bandannas, hoods, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, or sunglasses will be worn in the building.</p>
JEWELRY/ ACCESSORIES	<p>Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments or accessories such as excessively noisy jewelry and/or belts which distract from the educational process. No body-piercing jewelry is allowed except in the ears. No heavy metal chains (such as those made out of steel, chrome, alloy, etc.) and look-alikes that are not formal jewelry are allowed around the neck, around the waist, or hanging from the waist into the pocket. Students may not wear metal-spiked apparel or similar accessories.</p>
OTHER	<p>Tattoos should be covered.</p> <p>Students are not to wear extreme facial makeup that is disruptive to the educational environment.</p> <p>All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing to vision. Students are not to have the following: hair sprayed or dyed in unnatural colors (such as blue, pink, green, yellow), or spiked hair.</p>
ATTIRE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The principals of individual schools may allow exceptions to the Standard School Attire policy for school wide activities. Such exceptions would include a particular mode of attire for special occasion days such as School Spirit Week or for particular school-sponsored or school-related activities during the course of the school day. 2. In addition, principals will have the authority to approve occasional variations from Standard School Attire for particular groups of students. For example, athletic team members or cheerleaders may wear their sports-top layered over a collared or turtleneck shirt. Such attire will be tucked in at the waist whenever practical as determined by the principal. Standard Attire pants, shorts, skirts, Capri pants or skorts must be worn at all times.
SPECIAL SITUATIONS	<p>If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious beliefs, his/her parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the director of schools, with a copy to the school principal. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.</p>

STUDENTS DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES AS OUTLINED IN BOARD POLICY

Alternative School

In addition to the following above guidelines, students attending the Alternative School will be required to comply with the following:

- PANTS** Pants are to be navy, black or khaki. Pants are to be work at the waist. No undergarments are to be showing.
- BELTS** Belts must be work at all times and meet the guidelines above. In general, belts should be as plain as possible.
- SHIRTS** Shirts must be white polo or button down with no logos. All buttons, except for the top button, are to be buttoned at all times. Sleeves, if long, are not to be rolled up, but should be buttoned at the wrist. Undershirts are to be white only. Shirts should be tucked in at all times (belt should be visible).
- SHOES** Tennis shoes are the only acceptable type/design to be worn. Shoes must be black, gray or white and shoestrings must match the color of the shoe. Shoestrings are to be tied tightly and all Velcro must be strapped. This is a safety precaution and will be enforced.
- JEWELRY** No jewelry, watches or sunglasses are to be worn or brought to school.
- FINGENAILS** Fingernails must be clean and short. Artificial nails CANNOT be worn. Only clear polish is acceptable.
- PHYSICAL ED. ATTIRE** Gray short or gray sweatpants (must be worn at waist) and a white t-shirt. Shirt must be tucked in at all times.
- OUTERWEAR** Jackets, coats, gloves and toboggans are allowed in cooler weather but are NOT to be worn in the halls or classrooms. These items will be checked in and hung in the designated area when a student enters the building. Likewise, they will be reissued when a student checks out in the afternoon.