

DRESS CODE 23-24

Dress and Grooming

While fashion changes, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

If a student has selected a manner of appearance that is beyond mere freedom of expression and disrupts the educational process or presents risk to themselves or others, they may be removed from the educational setting.

Minimum Requirements:

- Shorts/skirts/dresses must be a minimum length. To meet the minimum length, put your hands at your sides and make a fist. No skin should be showing above the bottom of your fist. This includes any rips/tears in clothing. Tops must have shoulder straps and cover all areas one hand length below the bottom of the neck. Bare midriiffs, bare backs, or open sided shirts are not allowed. No undergarments should be seen at any time.
- Shoes, boots, or sandals must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment. Shoes containing wheelies, rollers, or other items that cause a distraction or a safety concern are prohibited.
- See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
- Headgear including hats, hoodies, bandanas, stocking caps, or anything that covers a student's head are not allowed to be worn during the school day.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Additional Requirements:

- Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
- Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
- Students should dress for appropriate weather. Blankets are not allowed in class.
- Clothing and accessories that may endanger student or staff safety may not be worn. Bags, of any kind, are not permitted in classrooms; they should be stored in lockers.
- Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. The administration may approve certain items to be worn for school activities (i.e hat day or spirit week). Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing. Refusal to change or repeated offenses may result in progressive discipline up to and including removal from class, lunch detention, Saturday school, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.

Students who are representing Jonesville Community Schools at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements as well. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, field trips and other such groups or extra-curricular activities.