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- Appropriately groomed hair
- Garments with appropriate and acceptable graphics
- Tops should be appropriate and cover the midriff
- Clothing should be appropriately sized and worn appropriately as determined by the administration.
- Shorts and skirts of an appropriate length
- Appropriate shoes must be worn (NO Heelies)
- Garments must be secured at the waist
- All males' shirt tails that extend below the bottom of the zipper must be tucked in.
- Head gear only by permission of school administration
- Jeans/pants with rips, holes, or frays above the knee are not permitted.
- Leggings will only be allowed if they are worn with a garment that comes to the knee
- Earrings should only be worn in the ear. Tongue rings, nose rings, eyebrow piercings are not allowed.

Regulations in reference to grooming and dress for special activities such as athletics and physical education will be governed by the immediate person in charge of these activities under the direction of the principal. The individual schools will assume responsibility for ruling on specific items of clothing and general appearance for reasons of safety and health, or for the order, well-being, and general welfare of students. **Styles and fads are forever changing; therefore the principal or his/her designee shall reserve the right to alter this code at any time throughout the year.** The Board authorizes school administrators to employ appropriate disciplinary procedures to carry out and enforce this policy.

These are minimum standards that will be enforced at each school. Schools have the right to set higher standards based on administrative procedures. Certain events require special dress. Teachers will recommend appropriate clothing for field trips, special events or campus dances. The administration may set other dress standards as the need arises.

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- Students are not to wear hats of any kind within the school building unless approved by the school administration. “Hats” should be interpreted literally as “hats” or head-coverings and will include bandanas, caps, sweatbands, visors, and similar hat-like apparel.
- Rollers, combs, or picks cannot be worn in the hair.
- Students are not to wear T-shirts or other garments or other items with pictures, logos, phrases, decals, patches, emblems, or words printed on them that are obscene or disruptive as determined by school administration. This will include, but not be limited to: nude/semi-nude figures; figures in sexually suggestive postures; logos of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or prohibited substances; satanic/occult references; or gang identification.
- No item can be worn or displayed that represents a fraternity, sorority, secret or illegal organization. MS code 37-11-39.
- Sagging pants are not allowed. Garments will be secured at the waist. Waist is defined as at or above the hip bone. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
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- Tape is NOT permitted to cover holes in pants.
- All males’ shirt tails that extend below the bottom of the zipper must be tucked in.
- Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and for hygienic reasons while on school grounds or school transportation. House shoes are not allowed.
- Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or that depicts weapons of violence, drugs, or alcohol may not be worn. Jewelry in pierced body parts is not allowed EXCEPT in the ears. Jewelry with spikes is not allowed.
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- Wallet chains or dog collars shall not be permitted.
- Pants should not have writing across the buttocks.
- No sweatpants or athletic gear. This includes but is not limited to team warm-ups, shorts, and uniforms.

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- Clothing should NOT be transparent, excessively tight, or indecent as deemed by the administration.
- Dresses/skirts and shorts must be to the student’s knee.
- Spandex pants may be worn with a shirt or skirt that comes to or below the knee.
- Strapless tops, tank tops with spaghetti straps, tops with excessively low necklines, and halters are not allowed. Midriffs shall not be exposed. Male students shall not wear sleeveless garments. Female students shall not wear sleeveless garments which do not completely cover undergarments.
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