

## DRESS CODE

Bristol Tennessee City Schools has dress standards in place in order to promote the culture of the school system as one of self-respect as well as the respect for others. Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school. **Shirts and shoes are required in school and at all school events.**

School administrators have the obligation to determine when a student is attired in a manner which is likely to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school and will take appropriate administrative action, which may include suspension. **The administration has full discretion to determine what is appropriate.**

Teachers are to enforce the dress standards per the parameters below:

### **Shirts/Blouses:**

- Shirts/Blouses must have a neckline that exposes **no cleavage**. If the shirt/ blouse has buttons or a zipper, it must meet the above requirement.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, midriff shirts, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, and backless or off the shoulder tops are not permitted in the school environment.
- Shirts/blouses worn outside the waistband must be of sufficient length so that no flesh is exposed.

### **Sweaters/Sweatshirts:**

- Sweaters, sweatshirts, and hoodies are permitted as long as they meet the shirt/blouse dress code or worn over a shirt or blouse that does meet the dress code. The hood may not be worn on the head.

### **Pants/Shorts:**

- Pants/Shorts must be worn at the waist and be size appropriate. No sagging is allowed.
- Pants/Shorts must have **NO** rips, tears, frays, or holes where skin or any garment worn underneath is exposed.
- Shorts must not be any shorter than 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill) above the top of the kneecap.

### **Skirts, Dresses/Jumpers:**

- Skirts, dresses, and jumpers must not be shorter than 2 ½ inches (width of a dollar bill) above the top of the kneecap. A slit in the dress or skirt cannot exceed the length of a dollar bill (6 inches) above the top of the kneecap.
- The top of the dress must meet the shirt/blouse requirements of the dress code or have a shirt that does meet the requirements beneath or over the dress. Backless dresses, low cut dresses, or dresses with spaghetti straps will not be permitted.

### **Coats/Jackets:**

- Coats and jackets must be removed and put in lockers upon arrival at school.

### **Headwear/Hats:**

- **No head coverings are permitted.** This includes, but is not limited to, hats, hoodies, scarves, sweatbands, stockings, do-rags, bandanas, etc. **Students must not have in their possession a hat or headwear during the school day.** These items must be removed upon entering the building and placed in lockers.

### **Other General Rules:**

- All clothing should be clean and in good repair.
- See-through clothing or cutouts are prohibited.
- Industrial chains, wallet chains, accessories with spikes, pet chains, collars around the neck or wrists are prohibited.
- Clothing that displays the names of/or advertisements of drug, alcohol, tobacco products, profane, vulgar, violent, illegal, immoral, hate messages, or sexual innuendoes are prohibited.
- Accessories must be free of offensive or suggestive words or graphics, contain no references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, illegal/immoral substances, or activities.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Students are not allowed to wear, carry, and/or display gang paraphernalia or items associated with gangs, including pagers. Student attire cannot be modified (for example – rolling up pant leg) to display gang affiliation.
- No sunglasses may be worn or be visible at any time during the day.
- Spirit group uniforms worn to class must meet all dress code requirements.
- Blankets, pajamas, flannel pants, house shoes, or any sleepwear or accessories are prohibited.
- Gloves are not allowed to be worn during class except where instructed by teacher (i.e. shop class).