



**Unified Dress Code
Rutland High School
2016-2017**

Dress Code

BCSD's students are required to attend school dressed in appropriate attire that does not disrupt or have the likelihood of disrupting the teaching or learning of others and/or which does not violate the School District's dress code. We believe that students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore, all students enrolled in the Bibb County School District shall abide by the following dress code.

All middle schools and some elementary schools are covered by a unified dress code. High School dress code can be found on the BCSD's website. Information on the specific dress requirements is available at each middle/high school and each applicable elementary school. The following rules apply to all items not addressed by unified dress codes.

General Guidelines for ALL attire

- All clothing must be appropriately sized (not sagging) and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which cannot be seen through the garment.
- All clothing must cover the body with no openings, slits, or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.
- **Clothing that is TOO short or TOO tight is not allowed.**

NOT PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS

This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items. *The School District* may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year. Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in office of each school.

The following items are NOT PERMITTED

- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry items (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings, associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.



- Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex, or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures, emblems or promotion of aggression or violence. Any clothing, which advertises or advocates the use of a product, is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing, which disrupts the learning process, is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, “do rags,” combs, picks, roach clips and curlers are not allowed. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, jewelry, etc. Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories that may present a danger or distraction to the school community.
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills
- All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process, such as dice, playing cards, laser pointers, games, toys or electronic devices
- Big shirts, jerseys or other oversized shirts *NOTE: (School athletes can wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook). **Appropriate length shorts and pants must be worn underneath athletic skirts (tennis, cheerleading etc.)** Schools have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.

STUDENT DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

1 st Offense = Written Warning/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected.

2 nd Offense = Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected

3 rd Offense = Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected – Teacher completes a referral to the counselor

4th Offense – Teacher contacts parent and completes office referral; Student may receive up to 2 days ISS

5 th Offense & Subsequent- Teacher contacts parents and completes an office referral; if the dress code violation issue becomes a disruption or repetitious problem, subsequent consequences may escalate to in-school suspension of 3-5 days per occurrence.



Compliance Measures

The intent of these requirements is to promote an environment consistent with the business of teaching and learning. To this end, students who are not properly attired will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions, as outlined by District policies and determined by the principal or designee.

A student shall be considered **to be in compliance** with this policy in the following instances:

- When a student wears a button, armband, or other accouterment to exercise the right to freedom of expression, unless the button, armband, or other accouterment is in violation of the prohibitions contained in this Code;
- When a student wears the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts on regular meeting days, and ROTC;
- When wearing (or not wearing) the required attire violates a student's sincerely held religious beliefs;
- When an authorized school activity requires different attire, but only upon the direction of the principal (designee); or,
- When pregnant and wearing maternity attire.