

Section IX: Dress Expectations

APPEARANCE

Tecumseh Junior High School officials recognize that the right to be an individual is an important right to each person. School officials are also aware that it is extremely important for students to be able to express their individuality, so long as it doesn't interfere with anyone else's right to an education, for which we are here.

The clothes students wear can be a form of self-expression and are viewed as a symbol of their character. The school recognizes and appreciates the students' right to express their individuality through school attire.

Student dress should reflect the prevailing expectations of the Lafayette School Corporation where health and safety, common decency, and proper maintenance of the school facility are major considerations.

Health and Safety: Students should not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous to them in school activities such as lab work, shop, physical education, and art. Grooming and dress which prevents students from doing their best work because of blocked vision or restricted movement will not be allowed. Furthermore, dress styles that create a disruption of teaching and classroom order will not be permitted.

Common Decency: Clothing with wording or pictures that, in the opinion of school personnel, tend to undermine the educational atmosphere and purpose is in violation of this guideline. Clothing with wording that is in bad taste; clothing with wording that lists negative ethnic, political, or sexual comments, or clothing with wording that promotes alcoholic establishments or tobacco products will not be worn. It is expected that students will wear clothing that is neat and clean while attending classes and school functions. Appearance, including dress, make-up, and hairstyles, may be regulated by the school when the health or safety of a student is endangered; the appearance is disruptive, and thus, distracting to the educational process; or there is an existing ordinance or law. The administrator will make the final determination regarding appropriateness of clothing. Teachers, administrators, coaches, and activities sponsors may take disciplinary action against students whose appearance is not consistent with expectations of school officials.

Below is clarification of clothing, jewelry, or hairstyles, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- b. Hat and other headgear need to be placed in a student backpack upon entering the building. (Exceptions are single piece headbands and hairbands that do not cover the entire head and do not require being tied together).
- c. Body piercing jewelry or ornamentation that causes a disruption, interferes with the learning environment, or in the judgment of the principal constitutes a health or safety hazard will not be allowed.
- d. Appearance, including dress, make-up, and hairstyles, deemed disruptive to the educational process will not be permitted.
- e. It is expected that while at school or at school functions or activities, students will not wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other items deemed to be evidence of membership or affiliation with a gang. Bandanas are not allowed.
- f. Clothing must be appropriately sized. Clothes (both tops and pants) cannot be skin tight. No jeggings, skinny leg, spandex, or skin-tight pants.
- g. All shirts must cover cleavage and be at or below the waistline. All pants must remain at or above the waistline. Undergarments should not be visible.
- h. Rips or tears in clothing must not expose shoulders, cleavage, stomach, or skin above the mid-thigh even if there is clothing underneath the tears.

DRESS CODE GUIDANCE FOR TECUMSEH STUDENTS

Shirts	Hoodies/Vests/Fleece Jackets/Sweatshirts/Sweaters	Pants/Shorts/Skirts	Dresses
Accepted:	Accepted:		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoulders, stomach, and cleavage must be covered Any color/design <p>Restrictions (not allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not cover shoulders, stomach, or cleavage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoulders, stomach, and cleavage must be covered Any color/design <p>Restrictions (not allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoods must be down while in the building Does not cover shoulders, stomach, or cleavage 	<p>Accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaki or jean material Joggers of jean or khaki material Sweat pants Athletic shorts Must be at least mid-thigh Any color/design Longer than mid-thigh <p>Restrictions (not allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pajama bottoms Unfastened snaps, buttons, etc. Pants/shorts worn below the waist Yoga, spandex, leggings Shorter than mid-thigh Skin tight bottoms Rips or tears above mid-thigh 	<p>Accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any color/design Shoulders, stomach, and cleavage must be covered Must be at least mid-thigh in length <p>Restrictions (not allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfastened snaps, buttons, etc. Does not cover shoulders, stomach, or cleavage Shorter than mid-thigh Skin tight
<p style="text-align: center;">Shoes</p> <p>Accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any color Must have a heel strap or back <p>Restriction (not allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flip-flops/sliders Slippers Wheels inside the sole or heel No heel strap or back 	<p style="text-align: center;">Headgear</p> <p>Accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single piece headbands Single piece hairbands <p>Restriction (not allowed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headbands that tie Bandanas that tie Headgear that covers the entire head 		