

## **DRESS CODE**

All students shall be properly groomed and attired when on school property or participating in school activities. Outfits should be tailored in such a manner that because of fit, design, color, texture, or inadequate coverage of the body does not create a classroom or school disruption as determined by the administration.

School officials reserve the right to determine if the county or school dress code is being violated. Specific rules apply to the following:

Pants and shorts should be worn at the waistline without the necessity of support whether or not a shirt is worn tucked in or out.

Shorts, dresses or skirts will be 3 inches from the top of the knee; leggings may be worn under approved dress code garments only. The outer garment must meet the dress code.

Shirts or tops must be worn so as not to expose personal undergarments or the midriff area during normal activity. Tank tops and muscle shirts are not allowed.

Shirts or dresses without backs, straps and/or worn without bras are prohibited. The neckline of any shirt must limit exposure of the body as determined by school officials.

Clothing, jewelry, buttons, or other items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or violence or encourage the discrimination of a particular group are not allowed.

Appropriate footwear of some type must be worn at all times.

Bedroom slippers and/or sleeping garments are not allowed on school grounds or during school functions.

Hats, caps, or other types of headwear are not to be worn during the school day unless approved in writing by the administration for medical reasons or special events. They will be confiscated by school personnel.

Sunglasses are not to be worn in buildings or classrooms.

It is the philosophy and intent of the School District of Clay County and Wilkinson Junior High for students to demonstrate an appropriate level of attire. Preparing students for life after high school—whether it involves the labor force, post-secondary school or other opportunities is recognized as important. Therefore, the school system expects students to set an example in our schools and community.

Students in violation of the dress code will be issued alternative clothing by an administrator and sent back to class. Improper clothing will be kept until the end of the day, at which time the school issued clothing will be exchanged. Students must wear the school-issued clothing as instructed for the remainder of the day. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action being taken. Our goal is to help students stay in the academic setting. Students will be given the option to call home to have appropriate clothes brought to school or stay in the ISS as an unexcused absence for the day, but our wish is for students to change quickly and return to the learning in the classroom.

**A good rule of thumb: If there is a question whether an outfit would be acceptable, choose another.** Time missed from class as a result of dress code violation will be considered unexcused.