

JCSS and CRMS Dress Code:

- The Jones County Board of Education adheres to the philosophy that the quest for individuality should not infringe on the rights of others. This Board acknowledges that styles of dress and customs continually change. All current styles are not acceptable for school wear; therefore, dress regulations are to be the subject of periodic review and/or modifications. The adoption of a dress code should be founded on the premise of wholesome attitudes relative to the appropriate grooming and manner of dress. Rather than itemize all “dos and don’ts”, the Board sets the following parameters.
- Students in grades K-2 shall abide by the general guidelines for older students; however, clothing considered appropriate for them shall include apparel designed for younger students such as shorts/tank top sets and pants without belts.
- Apparel or accessories bearing patches, emblems, drawings, or writings are significant dress factors. Those listed as inappropriate are ones that exploit or identify with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, sex, controversial issues, or have suggestive wording and/or designs. Bandannas are prohibited. Apparel or accessories which may incite others to violence or disruptive behavior must not be worn.
- Whenever see-through outer garments are worn (i.e. very sheer or net shirts) another shirt must be worn. When arms are raised, skin around midriff and lower back area must not be exposed. Clothing such as backless blouses, midriffs, halter tops, low-cut dresses or shirt or strapless dresses are not to be worn. Spaghetti straps must not be worn. Undergarments must not show. Tank top type undershirts, tank tops, or shirts cut down the sides are inappropriate. Jumpers require a blouse or shirt. Revealing cutouts or tears and un-hemmed cutoffs are not permitted for any age.
- Shoes are to be worn. Shower type flip flops are inappropriate. Selected shoes should not damage floor surfaces.
- Hats or other head coverings are for outside wear only for all students, both male and female, unless required for documented health or religious reasons.
- Form fitting garments such as bicycle pants, aerobic outfits, and body pants are not to be worn as outer wear. Tights must be worn with an outer garment that otherwise meets all dress code requirements, including length.
- In addition to dresses, skirts, and trousers, students of grades K-5 may wear shorts of reasonable length.
- Pants must be worn at the natural waistline with a belt if pants have belt loops. Sagging or oversized pants are not permitted. Oversized pockets are not permitted for safety reasons. Shirt tails must be tucked into pants unless they are designed to be worn outside, such as squared hem or banded bottom or they are worn jacket-style. Extremely oversized garments are not permitted for safety reasons.
- If makeup is worn it should reflect good taste and should not disrupt instruction. Oversized earrings can prove hazardous on playground equipment and during physical activities and are strongly discouraged.
- The multiplicity of styles and the frequency of change prohibits detailed itemizing of all patterns of dress and grooming. However, the JCBOE is committed to maintaining a dignified school environment. Grooming, personal hygiene, and dress may in no way detract from the learning process of the student or of others. School officials are charged with the responsibility of enforcing this policy and making decisions in situations requiring judgmental interpretation. Exceptions to this dress code may be permitted for special events. The principal must notify the superintendent of the exception prior to the event.