

Decatur HS

DRESS AND GROOMING – Student Dress Code

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, midriff shirts, tank tops and muscle shirts must not be worn. Straps of a sleeveless blouse worn by girls must be at least 4 fingers in width. Tops and pants must meet all the way around and show no skin. When seated or raising arms overhead, if skin is visible, it will not be permitted. Undergarments must never be visible. No see-thru or sheer clothing is permitted.
2. No risqué clothing or accessories with abusive, suggestive, offensive, lewd or violent themes may be worn. Clothing and accessories that advertise tobacco, alcohol products, or illegal substances and messages that are suggestive of these themes or that undermine authority are prohibited.
3. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be longer than fingertip length when the arms are relaxed and at the side of the student. Nike Dri-Fit type running shorts and yoga style pants will not be permitted. Administration or designated official will determine if the garment is of appropriate length.
4. Overalls must be worn with all buttons / straps securely fastened with a proper top underneath.
5. Pants or shorts will be fitted or belted at the waist. Skin may not be visible above the waistband.
6. Headgear: hats, hair curlers, hairnets, shower caps, bandanas, sweatbands, toboggans, etc. are not to be worn during the school day in the school building. For students not complying with this policy, teachers will take up any hat/cap/etc. and turn the item in to the Assistant Principal's office. After one office warning, headgear take-ups will not be returned until the end of each 9-week period. If not claimed within a week of that date, headgear take-ups will be discarded.
7. Shoes will be worn at all times, properly fastened. House shoes and wheelies are prohibited.
8. Coats/jackets worn in the classroom will be at the teacher's discretion.
9. Wearing of pajamas is limited to official dress up days.
10. Body piercing adornments are limited to the ears only, regardless of whether they are covered or not. Covering unacceptable piercing, such as with a band-aid, doesn't make the item acceptable. Spacers are prohibited.
11. Extremely unnatural hair coloring, hairstyles, and/or make-up are prohibited.
12. Clothing or accessories that bear signs, insignia, colors, numbers, drawings, pictures, or symbols that depict membership in, support of, identification of, or affiliation with a gang are prohibited. Examples include but are not limited to drawings of mushrooms, certain numerals, bandanas or objects hanging out of pant pockets, etc.
13. Clothing that is cut or torn above the knee is not permitted.
14. Tattoos must be covered.
15. Cleavage *shall not* be visible.
16. No oversized clothing will be allowed.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given appropriate clothing to change into immediately. Students will not be permitted to wait in the office for a parent to bring them a change of clothing. The student will need to bring back the borrowed clothing at the end of the school day in exchange for their clothing. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.