

## SECONDARY STUDENT DRESS CODE (Grades 6-12)

**Pupils are expected to be properly dressed commensurate with the activities being conducted.** Board Policy 4309 states, “The Board believes the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. The Board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing conducive to learning.”

The following rules apply to students at **ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN CALDWELL COUNTY:**

- The shoulder width of female shirts must completely cover undergarments and should cover the torso from shoulder to shoulder in front and in back.
- Male shirts shall have sleeves (no exceptions).
- The length of dresses, skirts and shorts must reach at least mid-thigh.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist, and undergarments must not be exposed.
- The following clothing and/or items are not allowed:
  - Halter tops
  - Tank tops
  - Spaghetti strap tops without shirts underneath
  - See-through clothing
  - Shirts with low necklines
  - Crop tops
  - Midriffs
  - Tops with slit sides
  - Half shirts without a shirt underneath
  - Bike shorts
  - Pants or shorts that have holes above mid-thigh
  - Chains
  - Spike bracelets or necklaces
  - Bedroom shoes
  - Pajamas
- Headgear, hats, hoods, and bandanas are not to be worn, brought, or carried in the school building or worn on the yellow school buses. Items worn may be confiscated by the administration.
- No clothing, jewelry or accessories with letters, initials, symbols or wording that is obscene, threatening, dangerous, offensive, inflammatory, distracting, disruptive or detrimental to the instructional process is allowed. This includes attire that displays alcoholic beverages, drugs, and tobacco products or promotes violence, hatred or intolerance.
- Shoes are to be worn at all times.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
- Coats or over-sized garments should not be worn within the building.
- Students are not permitted to take blankets or afghans into classrooms or on yellow buses.

\*Students may not wear attire that contains language, or other content, which is inflammatory, threatening, hateful, obscene, demeaning, or promoting disharmony. Violation of these provisions will result in strong penalties, including, but not limited to, out-of-school suspension.

School officials have the authority and responsibility to determine whether a student’s appearance satisfies the intent of this policy. **Anything that disrupts the learning environment will be deemed unacceptable.** The administration will ask the student to change or adjust clothing as necessary. The administration has the final authority to deem attire as appropriate.

**Approved by the Superintendent: August 17, 2015**