

TITUSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The Board's dress and grooming policy (5511) was developed to provide specific guidelines for students to follow and for staff to enforce regarding the dress or appearance of each student. Staff must ensure that a student's dress is not extreme to the point that it creates a disruption in the learning environment, is not offensive or vulgar to the point that it infringes on the rights of other students/staff, and does not represent a hazard to the student wearing the attire, other students, staff, or to school property. Student dress and standards of personal grooming should be in conformity with a studious atmosphere. SB 228 amended s.1006.07, F.S. to prohibit students, while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Specific penalties for violating this section of the Florida statute are incorporated into the student code of conduct. Teachers shall survey students during class and refer students who are in violation of the dress code to the Dean's Office. THS encourages students to adopt a "Dress for Success" attitude when selecting their attire for each school day.

Final determination whether dress is appropriate or not will be left up to the administration. Students will NOT be permitted to attend regular classes or eat in the cafeteria while in Dress Code violation.

Parents should familiarize themselves with the Dress Code expectations to ensure that students do not miss class time unnecessarily.

HEAD

1. No hats, headscarves, hoods, nylon stockings ("do-rags"), curlers, bandanas, or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are to be worn in the school buildings or hallways. "Hoodies" may be worn as long as the head is left uncovered.
2. Hair picks are **NOT** permitted to be worn in the hair.
3. Extreme hairstyles or hair colors that create a disruption are prohibited.

UPPER GARMENTS

1. Upper garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to the build and stature of the student and must not expose undergarments, including bra straps, sports bras, and underwear.
2. All upper garments require a strap that must be a minimum of 2 inches in width. A student's back may not be exposed, to include shoulder blades.
3. Strapless garments, tube tops, spaghetti straps, razor backs ("T-Backs"), and halter-tops tied around the neck are prohibited.
4. Transparent tops that reveal undergarments are prohibited.
5. The cut of sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments or be otherwise immodest.
6. Visible bra straps are prohibited.
7. Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited.
8. Upper garments must adequately cover the waistline and must not expose the midriff while the student is performing normal school-related activities (studying, sitting, retrieving books, raising hands, etc.). Dresses or tops may not expose the back.
9. Modifications of garments that lead to violation of the above policies are prohibited (tying up shirts, etc.).

LOWER GARMENTS

1. Lower garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to build and stature of the student; shall be worn at the waist; shall not extend below the heel of the shoe.
2. Lower garments shall be worn at the waist.
3. "Sagging" pants are prohibited.
4. Excessively tight lower garments/dresses are prohibited.
5. Lower garments shall not be torn, ripped, or have any holes above mid-thigh, and especially not in the groin, hips, or buttock area.
6. Undergarments shall not be visible. Transparent clothing that reveal undergarments is prohibited.
7. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must reach at least mid-thigh.
8. Pajamas and bedroom attire is prohibited.

FOOTWEAR

1. Students may wear footwear commonly considered as beachwear (for example, flip-flops, thongs, etc.) unless a course of instruction requires them to wear safe and appropriate footwear to protect the student from injury i.e. athletic shoes in physical education classes.
2. Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment.
3. Bedroom slippers are prohibited.

ACCESSORIES

1. Clothing, jewelry and accessories shall not convey messages that are crude; vulgar/profane; violent/death oriented; gang related; sexually suggestive; and/or promoting alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
2. Pierced jewelry is permitted provided that it does not pose a safety hazard. For example, dog collars, wallet chains, large hair picks, pointed or sharp earrings/belt buckles, etc., chains that connect one part of the body to another, or other jewelry/accessories that pose a safety concern for the student or others shall be prohibited.

SYMBOLS, CLOTHING SHOWING MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATION WITH A GANG, CLOTHING PROMOTING VIOLENCE

1. Any clothing, accessories, symbols, or regalia that convey membership or affiliation with a "gang" or other similarly oriented group or association prone to violence or criminal acts are prohibited.
2. Prohibited gang clothing, accessories, or regalia can include, but is not limited to, gang related colors, rolled up bandanas about the head or other parts of the body, knit caps, rolled up or split pant cuffs, certain sports attire that has a "street meaning", etc.
3. Writing or symbols on clothing/accessories shall not in any way promote violence.

OTHER

1. Beachwear and see-through or otherwise revealing apparel is not considered appropriate.
2. Students are not permitted to wear clothing which contains vulgar, sexually explicit or sexually-oriented wording/scenes, promotes tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drug use, or contains printed profanity.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To promote personal hygiene and safety during Physical Education classes, a standard dress requirement will be enforced.

DISCIPLINE PLAN AND CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be sent to the Dean's Office with a yellow Hall Pass stating the Dress Code violation (i.e. mid-drift, pants low). Dress Code violations are a Level 1 offense on the BPS Discipline Plan, unless the student continues to willfully disobey the Dress Code. The following discipline ladder will be used to correct students who fail to comply with the THS Dress Code. All infractions are placed on the ladder.

1st offense – Wardrobe change, Dean's Conference with student, parent/guardian contacted

The parent/guardian will be contacted by the Dean and given an opportunity to correct the student's violation with one of the following methods.

1. Student may change into appropriate clothes they may have at school.
2. Parent may bring the student appropriate clothes to change in to.
3. Parent may take student home to change. Once the violation is corrected the student may return to school by checking in through attendance. The time missed will be counted as an unexcused absence.
4. Parent may take student home for the remainder of the day. The time missed will be counted as an unexcused absence.
5. **Note:** If parent is unable or unwilling to come and correct the problem, the student will be assigned to the Dean's Office/ISS for the remainder of the day. Every attempt will be made to acquire the student's assignments to work on during this time.

1st offense – Wardrobe change, Dean's Conference, parent contacted

2nd offense - Wardrobe change, Dean's Conference and Detention, parent contacted

3rd offense – Wardrobe change, Dean's Conference and Extended Detention, parent contacted.

4th offense and more (Student will be considered to be Willfully Disobedient/ Insubordinate of the Dress Code policy) – Wardrobe change, In-School Suspension, parent contacted