

## **COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE 2018-2019**

Columbiana Middle School students are expected to be clean and neat, in keeping with an atmosphere for learning. The Shelby County Schools Dress Code serves as a *minimum* guide to acceptable dress. Unless there is a medical or other compelling reason, the administrative staff of Columbiana Middle School shall have the final authority in determining acceptable or unacceptable dress and/or grooming.

- A. All students must wear **shirts, blouses, or dresses with a collar or a non-revealing neckline** such as crew neck, jewel neck, or boat neck. Students should not wear strapless tops, tube tops, halter-tops, low cut, open back, backless, bare midriff, or clothing that allows the midriff to be exposed. As a rule of thumb—when the arms are raised, shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed may not be worn to school. Shirts that are excessively tight or revealing, or excessively long or oversized may not be worn to school. Shirts that are sheer/see-through may not be worn without full-coverage of undergarments and flesh.
- B. Male students may not wear sleeveless garments. Female students may wear sleeveless garments only if the shoulder is fully covered from the base of the neck to top of arm and undergarments are completely covered. Spaghetti and/or thin-strapped shirts may be worn only over a sleeved T-shirt or if covered by a blouse with sleeves.
- C. No obscene language, unacceptable graphics, and/or illegal substances or advertisements (to include alcoholic and tobacco advertisements) may be worn on clothing or accessories.
- D. No hats, caps, bandanas, head coverings, hair curlers, picks, or sunglasses will be worn in school.
- E. Hair colors or styles that are disrupting or distracting to the educational process are prohibited.
- F. **Dresses, skirts, skorts or shorts must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee.** Skirts/dresses must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee in the front and back. Asymmetrical or irregular hem lines **must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee at the highest point.** If the skirt/dress has a slit, the **top of the slit must be no higher than three inches above the knee.** Leggings, jeggings or other similar garments may be worn only with an appropriate length (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee) outer/over garment.
- G. **Pants\* must fasten securely with a button, snap or zipper at the waist.** Pants\* secured with an elastic band and/or draw-string, such as pajama-style, snap-aways, joggers or sweatpants are not permitted. Pants\* must be worn at the waist and fit properly. Pants\* worn too low, too long, too large, too loose or too tight are not permitted. Athletic type pants may only be worn during physical education classes. **\*Pants include but are not limited to: shorts, skirts, skorts, etc.**
- H. For safety reasons, students are required to wear **appropriate shoes that fit securely at all times.** Shoes with wheels are not appropriate for the school environment.
- I. Students' clothing should be **neat and clean and shall not have an appearance of disrepair.** Unhemmed (cut-off) shorts, shirts, or pants, or clothing with slits, rips or holes, even if purchased in that fashion, are prohibited.
- J. Ear piercings are allowed. All other visible piercings are prohibited. Students are prohibited from wearing any clothing, ear, nose, tongue, eyebrow and body jewelry, hairstyle, visible tattoos, or other adornment that draws attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process.
- K. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and not visible.
- L. Students are prohibited from wearing any metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or accessories.
- M. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it is designed to be worn, i.e., clothing worn backwards or inside out is not allowed. Suspenders must be fastened. Shoestrings must be tied.
- N. Students are prohibited from wearing any sign, symbol, logo, or garment, which has become synonymous with any gang, cult, Satanism, or unauthorized club or organizational activity. This also includes any avenue of the promotion of products or activities prohibited by school policy or that is inflammatory and may generate negative feelings among the student body.

Board policy states that students who have questionable or inappropriate dress **will not be allowed to attend class.**

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