

## Dress Code

The school does not rule your taste in dress. However, the school does require certain standards that are based upon factors of health, safety and maintaining the orderly function of the school. It is expected that students should come to school clean and well-groomed and in attire that is school appropriate, potentially dangerous, or distasteful. Clothes should not call particular attention to the body of the wearer because of design or cut, and clothing must provide coverage with an appropriate neckline.

Examples of clothing **not considered appropriate for school** include, but are not limited to:

1. Spandex or lycra skirts /shorts that are form fitting and tend to rise as they are walked in are not permitted unless they remain (mid-thigh) after walking for some distance.
2. Clothing that exposes the stomach or back (no bare midriff). Bare midriff should not be exposed when arms are raised to shoulder level. It is recommended that shirts should be able to be tucked in.
3. All shirts must have two-inch straps on each side.
4. Clothing that reveals undergarments.
5. Baggy or sagging pants showing undergarments.
6. Clothing associated with gangs or gang activity.
7. Leggings that are transparent.
8. Shorts will be permitted provided they are (mid-thigh) when wearer is standing up straight with arms at side. Shorts may not be cut off or in tattered or worn condition. Skirts and dresses will meet the same requirement in regard to length as shorts. Rips or tears in clothing through which skin can be visible cannot be higher mid-thigh.
9. Clothing or accessories with spikes or detachable chains.
10. Students are allowed to wear hats in the hallways and offices and in the classroom with teacher permission. Students who violate this rule may have their hats confiscated.
11. Blankets, flags worn (example: like a cape), pajamas, costumes, costume accessories, or wigs
12. If/when a facial mask is required to be worn, it cannot contain images, slogans, or material (nor worn/played with in a manner) that is distracting to others or the learning environment.

For safety's sake, footwear must be worn at all times. Coats, book bags and purses cannot be taken into the classrooms or cafeteria (light-weight draw string bags for books will be permitted). Articles worn by students must be free of slogans or symbols making reference to or promoting illegal substances, alcohol and tobacco, and must not display words, pictures, or symbols that are derogatory, racist, violent, obscene, vulgar or suggestive. Examples of slogans and symbols on clothing that are not permitted are: the Confederate Flag, Hooter's Restaurant, Playboy, Porn Star, etc.

**Students violating the dress code will be asked to dress in the correct way immediately.** If necessary, parents will be called to bring proper clothing so that the student may resume his or her regular schedule. Any hour missed will count as an absence toward the attendance policy. If a student cannot make alternate arrangements for their clothing, they will be asked to sit in the attendance office until the student can successfully meet the dress code. Dress code violations will be treated as follows:

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| 1st Offense:    | Student asked to change clothing                     |
| 2nd + Offenses: | Student asked to change clothing + Group I violation |

The Fowlerville High School dress code applies to all school sponsored events/activities.