

# DRESS CODE

Students of Carroll County Public Schools are required to groom themselves in a manner that is modest, clean, appropriate, decent and not disruptive to the educational process. Students are expected to abide by this dress code from their arrival to the school building until the end of the *school day*. Requirements include, but are not limited to:

**Head Coverings** - Hats, sunglasses, or *head coverings* of any kind, including bandanas and visors, shall not be worn in the school building unless approved for religious or medical reasons. Certain headbands, scrunchies, etc., which are used to hold hair in place and do not cover the entire head, are permitted.

**Shirts** - Shirts shall:

- Cover the entire back, i.e., no cutout backs, no shirts that tie in back.
- Cover the *midriff area*, i.e., bottom of the shirt must meet the top of the lower attire at all times.
- Cover undergarments, (muscle shirts and under armor shirts are considered undergarments, and must have a shirt over them).
- Not be see-through.
- Fit modestly so that cleavage area is covered.
- Have two straps, one on each shoulder (no tube tops or halter tops).

**Skirts/Skortts/Shorts/Pants:**

- Skirts, skortts, and shorts should not be excessively short. The guideline for “excessively short” is clothing that exposes the upper half of the thigh while standing.
- Pants shall cover undergarments at all times and not be excessively long so that they drag on the floor.

**Other:**

- No shoes with wheels shall be worn.
- No bedroom slippers shall be worn.
- No chains which could inflict significant bodily harm if used as *weapon*, spiked clothing or accessories shall be worn.
- No mutilated, cutout or ragged clothing shall be worn that exposes bare skin between the upper chest and mid-thigh or creates a significant distraction.
- Underwear shall not be showing and shall not be worn as outerwear.
- Clothing shall not convey advertisements for condoms or other birth control devices, stated or implied.
- Clothing shall not convey messages that express hate, racial slurs, or *sexual harassment*.
- Clothing shall not convey establishments or products whose names can be directly interpreted or construed as carrying a “double meaning” involving sexual innuendo, tobacco, alcohol or drug use, gang symbols, *weapons*, or *sexual activity*.

**Violations:** A student found wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change or remove the item and will be given the opportunity to do so. Should the student not be able to change or remove the item, clothing may be provided by the individual school. Students who fail to cooperate will be referred to an administrator. Any student not complying with the direction of the administrator may be considered insubordinate and subject to appropriate disciplinary action. A school administrator, in consultation with a Director, has the discretion to enforce additional requirements in order to maintain a safe and secure environment.

**Request for Exceptions:** Exceptions to the dress code for the purpose of school spirit activities by clubs or organizations will occur at the discretion of the school administration.