

## **Elementary Student Dress Code**

The Botetourt County Public Schools dress code for Grades PK-5 prohibits the wearing of any of the following:

- Clothing and accessories that may be interpreted as vulgar, suggestive, derogatory, offensive, violent, contains references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products and nicotine vapor products, gang-related, or items which may cause a disruption within the school environment
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts shorter than mid-thigh
- Pants or skirts worn low on the hip so that undergarments or bare skin is exposed
- Strapless tops or any top with shoulder straps less than 1”
- Midriffs exposed at any time
- Clothing that reveals undergarments
- Holes in pants above the mid-thigh
- Hats, hoods or non-religious head coverings worn inside the school building
- Sunglasses or other permanently tinted glasses
- Bedroom slippers or pajama/lounging pants

It will be the prerogative of the school administration to evaluate proper/improper dress beyond that specified above. School administrators will work with families in cases of special circumstances.

Some classroom activities or curriculums call for specific dress guidelines. Any such changes will be explained to students by the teacher.

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## **Middle/High School Student Dress Code**

The school building is a student's work place. Student dress should reflect this. The Botetourt County Public Schools dress code for Grades 6-12 prohibits the wearing of any of the following:

- Clothing and accessories that may be interpreted as vulgar, suggestive, derogatory, offensive, violent, contains references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products and nicotine vapor products, gang-related, or items which may cause a disruption within the school environment
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts shorter mid-thigh
- Pants or skirts worn low on the hip so that undergarments or bare skin is exposed
- Clothing that reveals undergarments
- Tights, leggings, spandex, or pants that appear to fit as tights or leggings are prohibited unless accompanied by an additional item of clothing (shirt/sweater/shorts/skirt) that completely covers the student's posterior
- Strapless tops or any top with shoulder straps less than 1" wide
- Mesh clothing, sheer clothing, or tops with necklines that are lower than the straight line from top of underarm across to opposite underarm, front and back.
- Midriffs exposed at any time.
- Holes in pants above the mid-thigh
- Hats hoods, or non-religious head coverings worn inside the school building
- Sunglasses or other permanently tinted glasses
- Bedroom slippers or pajama/lounging pants

It will be the prerogative of the school administration to evaluate proper/improper dress beyond that specified above. School administrators will work with families in cases of special circumstances.

Some classroom activities or curriculums call for specific dress guidelines. Any such changes will be explained to students by the teacher and addressed in the course syllabus or organizer.

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