



# BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2020-2021 RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

BCSD's students are required to attend school dressed in appropriate attire that does not disrupt or have the likelihood of disrupting the teaching or learning of others and/or which does not violate the School District's dress code. We believe that students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore, all students enrolled in the Bibb County School District shall abide by the following dress code.

All middle schools and some elementary schools are covered by a unified dress code. High School dress code can be found on the BCSD's website. Information on the specific dress requirements is available at each middle/high school and each applicable elementary school. The following rules apply to all items not addressed by unified dress codes.

### General Guidelines for ALL attire

- All clothing must be appropriately sized (not sagging) and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which cannot be seen through the garment.
- All clothing must cover the body with no openings, slits, or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the midsection, bare back or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short (cannot be over 2" from top of knee) or too tight is not allowed.
- Tights / leggings must be worn with a shirt or dress that cannot be over 2" from top of knee

**NOT PERMITTED CLOTHING ITEMS:** This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items. The School District may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year. Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in office of each school.

The following items are NOT PERMITTED:

- \* No visible earbuds / headphones
- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- Sunglasses
- Non-jewelry items (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings, associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex, or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures, emblems or promotion of aggression or violence. Any clothing, which advertises or advocates the use of a product, is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing, which disrupts the learning process, is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, "do rags," combs, picks, roach clips and curlers are not allowed. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.
- Any accessory, object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, artificial nails, jewelry, etc. Schools reserve the right to ban any clothing items/accessories that may present a danger or distraction to the school community.
- Removable, Ornamental Tooth Caps/Grills
- All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process, such as dice, playing cards, laser pointers, games, toys or electronic devices
- Big shirts, jerseys or other oversized shirts \*NOTE: (School athletes can wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook) Appropriate length shorts and pants must be worn underneath athletic skirts (tennis, cheerleading etc.) Schools have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.



## STUDENT DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

1st Offense = Written Warning/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected.

2nd Offense = Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected

3rd Offense = Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/May be removed from the learning environment, if clothing is a distraction and cannot be corrected – Teacher completes a referral to the counselor

4th Offense – Teacher contacts parent and completes office referral; Student may receive up to 2 days ISS

5th Offense & Subsequent- Teacher contacts parents and completes an office referral; if the dress code violation issue becomes a disruption or repetitious problem, subsequent consequences may escalate to in-school suspension of 3-5 days per occurrence.

Compliance Measures: The intent of these requirements is to promote an environment consistent with the business of teaching and learning. To this end, students who are not properly attired will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions, as outlined by District policies and determined by the principal or designee.

A student shall be considered to be in compliance with this policy in the following instances:




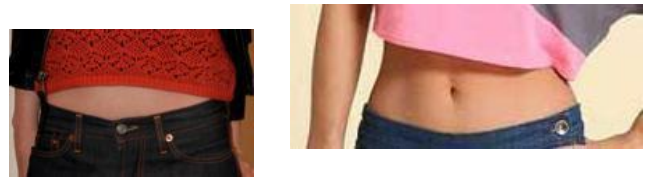
- When a student wears a button, armband, or other accouterment to exercise the right to freedom of expression, unless the button, armband, or other accouterment is in violation of the prohibitions contained in this Code;
- When a student wears the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts on regular meeting days, and ROTC;
- When wearing (or not wearing) the required attire violates a student's sincerely held religious beliefs;
- When an authorized school activity requires different attire, but only upon the direction of the principal (designee); or,
- When pregnant and wearing maternity attire.

## Student Guide to the Rutland High School Dress Code Policy

*Purpose:*

The statements included in this guide are described in further detail and may include examples or pictures of clothing items that are appropriate for school as defined in the policy. If any questions related to the policy remain, feel free to call the school for further details and clarification.

\*This guide is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather provide further description and some examples in each category of the student dress code policy.

<u>RHS Dress Code Policy Statement</u>	<u>Description</u>
<p>1. Hats, hoods and sunglasses may not be worn during the school day.</p> <p>Acceptable:</p> 	<p>Headwear and sunglasses prevent easy visual identification of every individual in the school building, and therefore are prohibited unless approved by an administrator. This includes any type of hat, hood, beanie, handkerchief, do-rag, or similar item worn on the head, and applies to all students – both male and female.</p> <p>Unacceptable:</p> 
<p>2. No exposed midriffs will be permitted. Shirts must cover the midriff on all sides.</p> <p>Acceptable:</p> 	<p>Shirts and tops should be long enough to cover a student's midriff on all sides, and to cover any undergarments.</p> <p>Unacceptable:</p> 

3. No exposed cleavage will be permitted.

Acceptable:



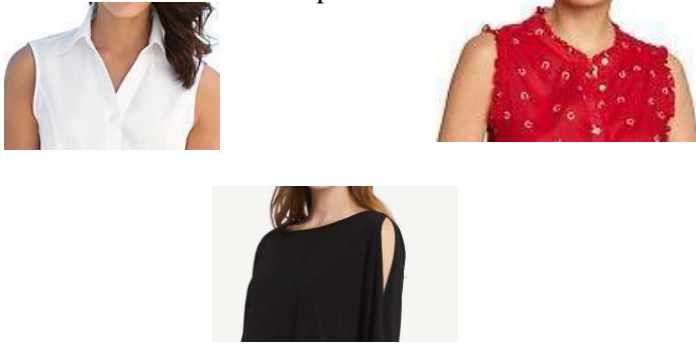
All shirts and tops should cover the chest. Open-neck or v-neck tops are permitted if no cleavage is exposed and the shirt meets other dress code guidelines.

Unacceptable:



4. Straps such as those found on tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, tube tops and/or spaghetti strap tops are not permitted. Tops that expose the back or parts of undergarments, including racerback tops or similar articles, are not permitted.

Acceptable:



Tops must cover the top of the shoulder, back, and chest.

Unacceptable:



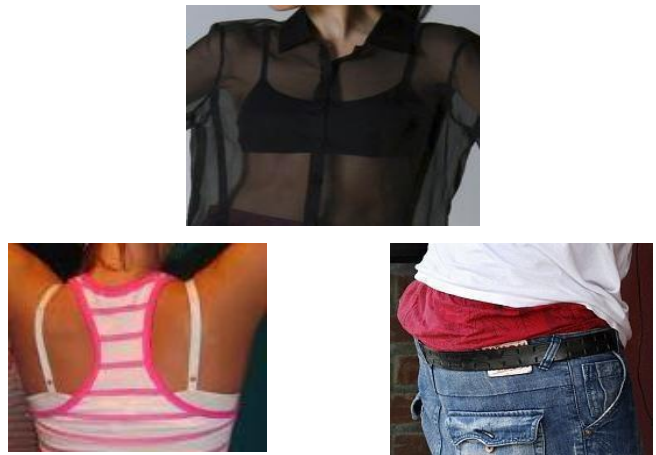
5. All clothing must conceal undergarments. Shirts that reveal undergarments, whether due to the transparency, length, or lack of coverage of the shirt are not permitted. Pants must be worn at the waist and completely cover the buttocks area. Pants may not be worn in such a way as to expose underwear or skin around the midsection.

Acceptable:



Clothing must completely cover undergarments including bras and bra straps, boxers, and underwear.

Unacceptable:



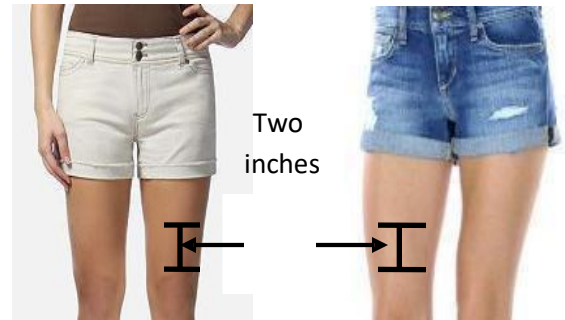
6. The bottom hem or edge of shorts, skirts and dresses may be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee when standing.

Acceptable:



Two inches above the knee as measured from the top of the knee.

Unacceptable:



7. Any article of clothing with a printed message, word, or phrase may not contain profanity, obscenity, or the promotion of any illegal activity or violence. Likewise, any article of clothing with a picture or graphic may not be obscene or promote any illegal activity or violence. Any article of clothing that is deemed inappropriate, offensive or a distraction to the educational environment by a staff member will be required to be changed.

This statement is self-explanatory. Printed messages or images on clothing may not display any language, image, or suggestion of promotion of illegal activity. Administrators will require a student to change their clothing if it is called into question.

8. Skintight and close-fitting clothing is not permitted. Leggings, tights yoga pants, or similar tight pants worn alone are not permitted. Wearing leggings under shorts, skirts, or dresses is permitted if these items are the proper length.

Acceptable:



Tight and form-fitting clothing is not appropriate for school. Students wearing the items listed here will be required to change before returning to class. This does not include loose-fitting sweatpants or skinny jeans unless worn in a way that violates another part of the policy.

Unacceptable:





9. Tights may be worn as long as a shirt, shorts or other clothing garment is also worn and meets the dress code requirement of being within 2 inches of the top of the knee.

Acceptable:



Two inches

Tights are not acceptable if they are worn by themselves or are worn with other clothing that does not meet the dress code requirement of being within 2 inches of the top of the knee.

Unacceptable:



Two inches

10. No pajamas or sleepwear may be worn.



This is a self-explanatory statement and applies to pajama pants, slippers, or other clothing categorized as sleepwear.

11. Footwear must be worn. Safety considerations may dictate the type of footwear worn in specific classes or school settings.

Shoes or other footwear must be worn at all times. It is not appropriate, nor safe to walk barefoot in or around the school. Bedroom shoes, slippers are not permitted.

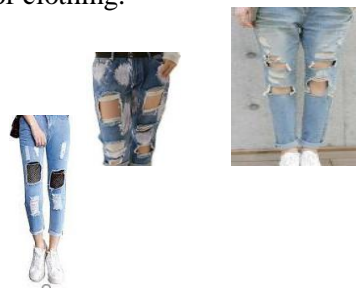
12. All clothing must be free of holes, cuts, tears and/or rips that expose undergarments or skin. Torn and tattered clothing is not permissible.

This statement is self-explanatory. Students should avoid wearing this type of clothing.

Acceptable:



Unacceptable:



13. Ear Buds / Bluetooth / Headphones of any kind are not allowed during school hours from 7:00 am until 2:45 pm.



Unacceptable:

