

## **Dress Code for Dansville High School**

Students represent the school and the manner in which they dress is important to the community and to the student body. The High School Principal is responsible to ensure dress does not interfere with the education of students. He is given discretion in determining when dress interferes with the educational process. Students dressed inappropriately will be given the opportunity to change their dress to school-appropriate attire and return to classes, with a minimal amount of lost class time. This may include being sent home to change clothes when necessary. Continued inappropriate dress or refusal to comply with a legitimate directive will be considered insubordination and will be dealt with more severely, up to and including long term suspension from school.

The following are guidelines to advise students of appropriate and inappropriate dress. The guidelines are not all-inclusive and the absence of any particular form or mode of dress does not indicate the dress is appropriate.

- \* The reasonable cleanliness of a person and of wearing apparel is expected as a matter of health.
- \* To avoid injury to feet and the possibility of disease, shoes or sandals must be worn in the building.
- \* Clothing articles which are explicitly sexually suggestive, any gang related clothing or mode of dress, advertisements for drugs, alcohol or tobacco, profanity, pornographic symbols or pornography, derogatory racial and ethnic slogans are inappropriate dress.
- \* For all students, beach and active wear are inappropriate, except in the gym. A decent coverage of the body is expected. Tube tops, halter tops, beachwear and spandex are not appropriate during school hours. Straps should be at least two finger-widths wide.
- \* See-through and mesh garments are inappropriate.
- \* Undergarments cannot be showing or worn outside of the clothing.
- \* For female students, no clothing is allowed that shows "cleavage" when the student is performing normal school activities. For male students, no clothing is allowed that extends more than 3 finger widths below the collarbone.
- \* Tops (shorts, blouses, etc.) for both male and female students must be long enough so that when the student sits, stands, reaches, etc. the midriff is covered at all times.
- \* No skirts are allowed that rise more than 1 inch above the top of knee when the student is standing and the clothing is worn appropriately at the waist. This is because when the student sits, the shorts/skirt/skorts rise several more inches. All shorts/skorts must have a minimum 4-inch inseam.

The Board further instructs the High School Principal to meet with the High School Student Council once each year to review the suggested guidelines and transmit any suggested changes to the Board of Education. The Board will review and give serious consideration to the views of the High School Student Council, as elected representatives of the student body.

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