

Standardized Dress Guidelines for FCAHS

The Forrest County AHS Board of Trustees, the administration, students to dress in a manner which reflects favorably upon the efforts of the total educational community to provide the best learning experience possible for each student. Students enrolled at Forrest County AHS are expected to adhere to the dress code listed below. These rules will be enforced and interpreted by the administration of the school. Students will not be allowed to attend class until the violation is corrected.

1. The dress code outlines the acceptable form of attire approved to be worn by students in this district. Any deviations, however slight, are disallowed.
2. Every component of the student uniform should be appropriate in length and size. All clothing must fit properly. Appropriate is defined as that which properly covers the body and which is in good taste. **Overly tight or loose clothing is not permissible.**
3. Administrators have the final decision about the appropriateness of the length/size of clothing. Shorts or skirts must be to the top of the kneecap.
4. Undergarments should never be visible.
5. All teachers will monitor student dress.
6. No component of the uniform may be of denim material.
7. New students to the district and enrolling on or after the first day of school shall have five (5) days to comply with the dress code policy.

Parents (s) who find it difficult to comply with the requirements of Forrest County Agricultural High School's Dress Code Policy due to financial hardship may request assistance from the school. The school administrator may be able to offer suggestions to the parent(s) regarding assistance from various community and civic groups or agencies. Parents are encouraged to engage in "Clothing Swaps" at the end of each school year. This would be an effective method of aiding families with school clothing purchases.

General Considerations

1. Shirts are to be worn of appropriate length and tucked into pants, skirts and shorts.
2. Students are prohibited from wearing additional "patches", pins, tattoos, earrings, jewelry or any other item that may be considered lewd, profane, obscene, vulgar, suggestive or any item which may distract from the educational process. Chains are not allowed. **Pierced jewelry is limited to ears only.** Other visible body piercing is not allowed, including tongue rings, nose rings, **eye and lip rings.**
3. Only approved FCAHS logos will be permitted on clothing.
4. Head coverings, including but not limited to caps, visors, hats, bandannas, doo rags, **and scarves** are prohibited.
5. Toboggans may be worn in winter conditions outside. No toboggans are to be worn inside the building.
6. Clothing must fit properly. Tight fitting clothing is not acceptable. Oversized clothing, "sagging" and/or "hip hugger" clothing is not acceptable.
7. Underclothing shall be worn.
8. **If students do not participate in dressing up appropriately matching the specified spirit day, he/she must wear a school uniform. Any student not participating in dressing up and who does not wear a school uniform will be disciplined accordingly.**
9. **Belts may be any color provided they do not advertise or exhibit any likeness of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc. or in any way are lewd, profane, obscene, suggestive, vulgar, or in any way harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean any other group, or in any way be distractive to the educational process.**
10. **Jackets must not advertise or exhibit any likeness of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc. or in any way be lewd, profane, obscene, suggestive, vulgar, or in any way harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean any other group, or in any way be distractive to the educational process.**

Compliance Measures

Dress code violations are addressed under the code of discipline policy. If necessary, disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance with the policy.

- First offense- Parents will be called to bring clothing that meets standardized dress requirement
- Second offense- Students will be given appropriate punishment
- Third offense- Out-of-school suspension (one day)
- Additional non-compliance will be treated with additional out-of-school suspensions.

GYM/PE Clothes

Dress should be modest and appropriate for students participating in sports activities. No short shorts, exposed midriffs, see-through shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts or jerseys with large armholes will be allowed.

Agricultural Classes

Students enrolled in agricultural classes will be provided lockers to store clothes and shoes to change into, if they choose to do so. Students may only wear these clothes within the period of those classes. This exception is allowed if students are working in the field and **not** if they are in the classroom setting. Also, caps may be kept in lockers (located in the AG building) if AG students are working in the field on sunny days. These exceptions will be monitored and left up to the discretion of the instructors in these programs.

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Shirts	Maroon, Grey, White or Black	Knit or Cotton	Polo, oxford, or dress shirts in solid Maroon, Grey, White, or Black in color may be used. They must be of appropriate size and tucked in for all students	Long, short, or $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve
Turtlenecks	Maroon, Grey, White or Black	Knit or Cotton	No designs of any kind	n/a
Sweatshirts/ Sweaters/ Vest	Maroon, Grey, White or Black	Knit or Cotton	No hoods	Appropriate for body size
Pants/Capri Pants	Khaki, Grey, White or Black	Uniform quality, wash-n-wear, or permanent press	Denim (unless approved by adm.) warm-ups, wind suits, overalls, or hip huggers	Properly hemmed
Undershirts	Maroon, Grey, White or Black	Knit or Cotton	No designs of any kind. Needs to be tucked in and only visible at collar line with approved colors	n/a
Shorts/Skorts	Khaki, Grey, White or Black	Uniform quality, wash-n-wear, or permanent press	Denim, warm-ups, wind suit, overalls, hip huggers	Properly hemmed and Knee length
Skirts	Khaki, Grey, White, Black or school uniform plaid	Uniform quality, wash-n-wear, or permanent press	Styles: Box, pleat, regular/straight, (slits should be no more than 1 inch above the knee) No Denim.	Must be to the top of the kneecap.
Leggings	Maroon, Grey, White or Black	n/a	To be worn under skirts if desired	n/a

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School Spirit T-Shirts	n/a	n/a	Only on specific days, designated by the principal as spirit days, will students be allowed to wear specific apparel. Team/club shirts must meet dress code guidelines	Appropriate length for body size
Belts	n/a	Leather or Cloth	Must be worn with all pants that have belt loops. If loops are removed, the article of clothing is not permissible	n/a
Shoes		n/a	No platform, flip flops, cleats, high heel shoes, slippers, house shoes, shower shoes, rubber shoes or stilettos	Shoes must fit properly
Lightweight Jackets	Solid Maroon, Grey, White, Black, Brown or Beige	n/a	No hoods allowed.	Appropriate for body size
Heavy Jackets/Coats	Any Color	n/a	Heavy Jackets and coats shall be appropriately sized for the student and shall be worn only when the weather conditions dictate. Long overcoats, trench coats or blankets are not allowed.	Appropriate for body size