

Rudd Middle School

Dress and Grooming Guidelines

The Board's dress and grooming guidelines are intended to promote and foster an appropriate educational environment by minimizing unnecessary distractions and permitting students to focus on academic progress. The following mandatory guidelines are designed to further that intent:

- 1. Hats, caps, hair picks, bandanas, bonnet, du-rag, visors, and sunglasses must be removed and placed in the locker or designated area and remain during the school day. Students may not wear a hood during the school day.**
2. Earrings may be worn. Except for the normal piercing of the ears and wearing of earrings that do not distract or draw unnecessary attention, the wearing of other body piercing jewelry is not allowed, including but not limited to the tongue, nose, or eyebrow. Band-Aids may not be worn to conceal unauthorized jewelry. Materials such as plastic or wooden sticks or clear loops may not be worn to keep new piercings open during the school day. If it is determined by a school principal or designee that allowable earrings or jewelry worn by a student may become a safety hazard in an activity such as physical education, science laboratory, athletics, etc., the student shall remove such ornamentation.
3. Students are to wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed. **Pants must be worn at the waist.**
4. **Sun dresses and backless dresses or tops will be worn with a jacket or appropriate covering. (Jacket or covering may not be sheer or mesh).**
5. **Cutoff tops, tank tops, and mesh tops can be worn if a T-shirt with sleeves is worn underneath or another shirt is worn over the top. (Cover shirt or undershirt may not be sheer or mesh).** 2023-2024 School Year Student & Parent Handbook Jefferson County Board of Education 24
6. Back, chest, and midriff must be covered.
7. Bracelets, belts, and other clothing and accessories with spikes, studs, or chains are not allowed.
8. Insignias, buttons, clothing, backpacks, or other articles of personal property, which are suggestive of alcohol, tobacco, vulgarities and violence, are drug-related, or are demeaning to other persons are not allowed at school or during school-sponsored events.

9. No open holes or shreds in pants (No Skin should be Seen) above the knee.

10. Clothing must be worn over leggings/jeggings or tights and must be of appropriate length (no shorter than four inches above the knee).

11. Articles of clothing must be appropriate for school wear. Skirts, dresses, and shorts may be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee, except that students in Grades K-3 may wear shorts appropriate for school. Slits in skirts must meet the four inches above the knee regulation.

12. No pajamas may be worn.

13. Shoes appropriate to the school setting, with student safety the primary concern, must be worn at all times.

14. Book bags/backpacks and athletic bags must be placed in the locker or designated area and remain there during the school day unless approved otherwise by an administrator. Backpacks/book bags may not have wheels unless written approval is given by a physician due to medical reasons or by permission of the school administrator as deemed necessary as described in this handbook in Healthcare Services.

See Student Code of Conduct for consequences of not adhering to the Jefferson County Schools Dress Code 1.08