

## TCCHS Dress Code

It is expected that every student will maintain the level of personal hygiene and safety necessary to ensure a healthy school environment and will refrain from any mode of dress which is distracting to classroom instruction or which contributes to the disruption of the normal function of the school. **The dress code applies to all school functions.**

Thomas County Central High School complies with the dress code policies of the Thomas County School District.

The following types of clothing are considered **inappropriate** at Thomas County Central:

1. Footwear (shoes) must be worn and appropriate for the school setting both in appearance and safety. House shoes/slippers are not acceptable footwear for school.
2. No headgear is permitted in the school building at any time during the school day. This includes hats, bandanas, do-rags, caps, hoods, scarves, sunglasses, and forehead bands. The hoods of hooded sweatshirts are not allowed on your head while in the building. Hats may be confiscated. Students will be able to retrieve any confiscated items at the end of the school day for a \$10 fine. Parents may pick items up at no cost after 3:30 p.m. on the day the item was confiscated, or anytime thereafter.
3. Clothing or ornamentation, which advertises alcohol or substances that are illegal for minors, or which displays suggestive phrases, designs, markings, or profanities are also prohibited.
4. Clothing that displays weapons, violence, gang affiliations, or other logos that cause dissension are not permitted.
5. No bandanas
6. No gang related signs, symbols, names, or other items that can be associated with any street gang. The principal or designee shall have the final say in determining if an item is gang related.
7. No tattoos depicting gang signs or symbols will be permitted.
8. Shirts may not be any longer than fingertip length if “un-tucked” from pants.
9. Backless or strapless dresses or shirts are not permitted.
10. No midriff shirts or blouses are permitted. Midriff areas must be covered so that no skin is exposed on the torso at any time (front or back). No sheer garments and no low-cut necklines are permitted. Cleavage must not show.
11. Appropriate undergarments must be worn. Clothing must not reveal undergarments.
12. Tank tops, strapless tops, and thin strapped tops may not be worn.
13. Shorts, dresses and skirts that are more than 4” above the knee are considered too short.
14. Slits in dresses and skirts may be no shorter than fingertip length (standing or sitting).
15. No pajama pants, boxer shorts, cut-off sweat pants, spandex shorts or leggings worn alone or without appropriate outer garment that does not measure more than 4” above the knee. Leggings are not considered pants and require that girls wear the appropriate regulation dress over them.
16. All pants and trousers must be worn at waist level (no sagging or bagging). Pants must fit properly, no oversized pants. Pants may not have holes above knee length, unfastened belts, or exposed undergarments.
17. No coveralls or jumpsuits are allowed.
18. Piercings will not be tolerated with the exception of the ears.
19. Distracting hairstyles are prohibited.

School officials will make the interpretation of what is acceptable dress. Students who are judged to be inappropriately dressed will be allowed to change clothes, to call home for someone to bring a change of clothes, or obtain permission to go home to change clothes and return to school. Classes missed will be unexcused. Students unable to change will be required to wear clothing provided by TCCHS or be assigned to ISS. Repeat offenses will result in disciplinary action.

**IF IN DOUBT, DON'T WEAR IT!**