



Youngstown City School District Appropriate Dress (Effective 9/12/16)

All Youngstown City School District students are encouraged and expected to adhere to the following guidelines regarding their appearance during this transitional period while the dress code policy is being updated and revised:

- (1) Wear clothing that promotes positive school, community, family and individual culture; *All* students are preparing for college and career readiness. School attire and imaging should be in alignment with our students' college and career goals.
- (2) Refrain from wearing baseball caps, hats, bandanas and other non-religious related head coverings that are considered "caps", "hats", "rags" and, or "hoods".
- (3) While on school grounds/campus, and during school related events, cover all crew-related and gang-affiliated tattoos.
- (4) Shirts, blouses, and tops should fully cover backs, "bellies", torsos, and cleavage (on males, females and gender non-conformists), without any indecent exposure including undergarments and associated undergarment straps.
- (5) Pants, trousers, and bottoms should fully cover undergarments, without any indecent exposure including underwear linings and underwear bands. Skirts and shorts should be at the appropriate length for any academic setting; covering the entire thigh.
- (6) If students decide to wear clothing and, or accessories with messaging, messages should be positive, and not include foul, discriminatory, offensive, and, or violent language, images or words.
- (7) During the school day, students are to store/hang outerwear (*i.e.*, coats, hats, scarves, hoodies, gloves...) in designated cubbies, lockers, closets or hooks.
- (8) Students must wear proper footwear at all times. House slippers, socks, open-toed shoes, flip-flops, going barefoot and backless shoes are considered *improper*.
- (9) Sunglasses/shades are to be worn outside, not on students' faces during the school day.
- (10) Cellphones and tablets (*i.e.*, iPads, Kindles...) are to only be exposed during school hours when instructed by a teacher in association with instruction, during an administrative request and, or for emergency school-wide purposes.