

## **DRESS CODE**

The Minersville Area School District encourages its students to wear clothing that is clean, neat and of appropriate length for an academic environment. All students are expected to exercise good taste and judgment in compliance with State Board of Education Regulations, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Section 12:11.

The following types of clothing are banned:

- Vulgar, offensive messages. Clothing that is offensive to staff and fellow students. Clothing that contains messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene or libelous; that denigrate others based on race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; that promote alcohol, drug use or violence; or that are otherwise contrary to the school's educational mission.
- Clothing that presents a safety hazard. Students may not wear any apparel that could pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the school community. No chains, spiked or choke collars may be worn or carried at any time; this includes wallet chains, etc.
- The piercing of body parts and the insertion of jewelry or other objects which result in bleeding, oozing of bodily fluids or other physical condition which may reasonably pose a danger to the student or others is considered inappropriate and unacceptable.
- Clothing that is a health hazard to the individual student and the general student population.
- Hoods, hats, caps, bandannas covering the head, and similar headwear are not to be worn in district buildings during the school day except for medical or religious purposes with administrative approval. Hoodies are permitted, but the hood must be down during the school day.
- Sexual message or innuendoes.
- Drug or alcohol paraphernalia.
- Advertisements for alcohol or cigarettes.
- Racially or ethnically offensive messages.
- Messages that are political in nature.
- Harassment aimed at any group or individual.
- Brief and/or revealing clothing. Students must recognize that brief and/or revealing clothing is not appropriate apparel in school. The following guidelines on brief clothing are examples and do not cover all situations:

Students shall not wear tank tops, halter-tops, garments with spaghetti straps or strapless garments. Garments that are "see-through", cut low, or expose one's midriff are not acceptable. Sleeveless garments must extend to the end of the shoulders and fit closely under the arms. Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than the student's fingertips when his/her arms are held at his/her side.

- Undergarments must not be visible.

- Pajama pants and sleepwear are not appropriate apparel in school.
- Unless there are heating problems, all jackets/coats must be kept in lockers and not worn during the school day.
- Shorts and pants are to be neat, clean, free of holes, and of appropriate length.
- Students may not wear any clothing that is offensive to members of the faculty or administration.

#### **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION**

**First offense** Warning. Student must change into something appropriate, which may include a clothing article brought from home by a parent or guardian or provided by the school.

**Second offense** Student must change into something appropriate, which may include a clothing article brought from home by a parent or guardian or provided by the school. Parents are notified that student is in violation of the dress code. One detention will be assigned.

**Third offense** Student must change into something appropriate, which may include a clothing article brought from home by a parent or guardian or provided by the school. Parents are notified that student is in violation of the dress code. Two detentions will be assigned.

**Fourth offense** Student must change into something appropriate, which may include a clothing article brought from home by a parent or guardian or provided by the school. Parents are notified that student is in violation of the dress code. 1 day in-school suspension will be assigned.

**Fifth offense** Further parental involvement including meeting with administration.

**Elementary Center: Same as above plus this info regarding shoes. Discipline at the Elementary Center will be handled on a case by case basis by the building principals.**

- Shoes should be safe and appropriate for an active child. Flip flops, slippers, backless shoes and Heelies or other sneakers with wheels are not permitted.