

**JEFFERSON COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**Guidelines for Appropriate/Acceptable Dress**  
**2019-20 School Year**

It is the belief of the Board of Education, Faculty, and Administrations that personal appearance has a direct relationship with student academic achievement. To promote success and create an educational environment that will allow all students to achieve their fullest potential and being safe and healthy, personal appearance should be clean, and not attract undue attention to the wearer. The Administration's decision is the final authority as to whether or not attire is considered appropriate, unreasonable, or disruptive.

- (1) Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Students who are representing the Jefferson County Vocational School at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements.
- (2) **Grooming and dress guidelines must meet the requirements of the career technical program.** Each instructor will have requirements for their program on file with the supervisors. Students who are not prepared to work in lab because of lack of safe apparel or equipment may be denied admission to lab, given alternate work, given detention, and (for repeated violations) may be referred to the supervisors. Programs that have required uniforms, students are to wear them daily following all guidelines as set forth by their instructor.
- (3) Apparel or items which allude to drugs, guns, alcohol, sex, the occult, gangs, profanity, obscene, disruptive, abusive, lewd or which are offensive to ethnic, religious or racial groups, is prohibited (flags, symbols, etc.).
- (4) Frayed, torn, cut, or ripped clothing should not be worn if those items are above mid-thigh (handmade or purchased) if the body/skin is visible. Holes are to be no larger than a pop can circumference. This clothing may not be permitted in vocational labs for safety reasons and will be determined by the lab teacher.
- (5) Brief and revealing clothing: Students must recognize that brief and revealing clothing are not appropriate apparel in school. The following examples include but are not limited to:
  - (a) Students shall not wear tank tops, halter-tops, muscle shirts, garments with spaghetti straps, or strapless garments. Tank tops and garments with spaghetti straps CAN ONLY be worn with another acceptable outer shirt.
  - (b) Garments that are see-through, cut low or expose one's midriff, cleavage, or back are not acceptable.
  - (c) Sleeveless garments must extend to the end of the shoulders and fit closely under the arms. No cutoff sleeves are permitted.
- (6) Bottom garment may be trousers, jeans, slacks, skirts, culottes, skorts, shorts, or sweat pants.
  - (a) Exercise pants, tights, leggings, spandex pants, yoga pants, jeggings (jean leggings) or other tight fitting clothing are to be worn with discretion. If deemed inappropriate by administration, a t-shirt or other top is to be worn.
  - (b) The bottom hem of dresses, skirts, culottes, skorts, or shorts must be mid-thigh in length (**front and back**).
  - (c) Sagging pants: Students shall not wear pants that, when fastened, sag or fit below the waist. All pants must fit around the waist and be properly fastened. Cuff pants if they are too long. This is a health and safety concern.
  - (d) Long pants/skirts may not drag the floor or below the heel of the shoe and shoes must be visible. This is a health and safety concern.
  - (e) NO PAJAMAS, pajama look-a-likes, loungewear and slippers are not permitted.
- (7) Bandanas, hats, head coverings, headphones and/or sun glasses are not to be worn in the building nor at other times as directed by the instructor. **Hats required in labs will ONLY be permitted in that location and must be stored in the lab locker or assigned school locker. No hats are to be worn or carried in academic classrooms or in the cafeteria.**
- (8) Earbuds/Headphones - For safety reasons, only one ear bud is to be used. Over-the-ear headphones are NOT permitted at school. **Ear buds are to be removed upon entering a class/lab and only used when the teacher permits. The volume should be low so that others cannot hear and are not distracted**
- (9) Appropriate shoes must be worn. Shoe strings are to be tied to ensure the student's safety. Muddy/dirty shoes or boots are to be cleaned before entering school or leaving the lab.
- (10) Dress code may be varied for certain theme days.
- (11) Facial Hair must be neat, clean, shaped and trimmed. Never more than one half inch in length. Some programs require no facial hair.
- (12) The wearing of jewelry will be limited in accordance with required program practices and employer expectations. Examples of unacceptable jewelry are dangling earrings, wallet/long heavy chains, dog chains, spiked collars or bracelets, or other distractive fads. Facial piercings are limited to single nose, eye brow or upper lip stud or small hoop (no hooks, rings, etc), but no other facial piercing. Some programs require no facial piercing. Any other facial or lip jewelry is not permitted. Other piercings are to be replaced with clear studs while in school.
- (13) Hair must be neatly groomed and of a natural color. **Minimal unnatural colored streaks will be permitted along with full head unnatural color as long as it is subdued.** Some examples of inappropriate hair are: Mohawk, spiked, all green, orange etc. (This is by no means a complete list, and the supervisors will be the final authority.)
- (14) Tattoos must NOT be visible on the neck, face, or above the knee. Tattoos must follow all school policies (no gang related items, rebel flag, etc.); and if inappropriate, it must be completely covered.
- (15) Dress Code for dances is a minimum of professional dress. No one will be permitted to enter the dances with jeans, shorts, tee shirts or other Non-Professional Dress attire. All clothing must meet the school's dress code.
- (16) Students violating the Dress Code policies will be required to change their attire and/or appearance or be assigned to ISA until the issue is resolved. When in doubt, a student should have acceptable alternatives with them. Repeat violators of these policies will be subject to further disciplinary action.
- (17) As no dress code can keep up with the ever changing world of fashion, check with administration before purchasing items which may be questionable. The administration reserves the right to make any and all final decisions in regards to what is and what is not acceptable with respect to the dress code. Additional restrictions to dress code may apply relative to either program or employment placement.