Carthage High School

Dress Code

Dress and Grooming: The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, and minimizes safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

- Students are expected to come to school looking clean, neat, wearing appropriate clothing, and exhibiting grooming that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others. This ruling prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption or interfere with normal school operation.
- The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing (including placement of such) on clothing, belt buckles, or jewelry that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, racial, or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under Board policy FNCF (LEGAL).
- Blankets, quilts, throws, etc., will not be permitted.
- Oversized jewelry or chains are not permitted to be worn on the neck or attached to clothing.
- On Spirit Days or special days, students must adhere to the approved dress code.
- Wearing or possessing caps, hats, do-rags, hoodies, or other inappropriate headgear inside the building by either males or females during the regular school day is prohibited. These items will be confiscated and returned to the student at a time designated by campus administrators.
- Sunglasses may not be worn.
- House-shoes, slippers, shoes with wheels, or cleated shoes may not be worn.
- Gang clothing – clothing or other apparel that is known to be, or thought to be, associated with gangs or gang activity is prohibited.
- Clothing and personal items that contain language that promotes a political candidate or contain a message that is political in nature may be prohibited.
- Pajama pants or sleep apparel may not be worn at any time.
- Articles of clothing should be worn as they are designed to be worn.
- Provocative or excessively tight clothing is NOT allowed.
- Clothing that is extremely oversized may not be worn.
- Leggings, jeggings, joggers, or any other tight-fitting clothing must be covered by another garment (shirt, dress, T-shirt, etc.) that extends beyond the longest fingertip when arms are extended and dropped to the side while standing.
- Acceptable pants/slacks must be appropriately sized, worn at the waist, and cover all undergarments.

- No skin or undergarments may be showing through holes or frays on pants below the longest fingertip when arms are extended and dropped to the side while standing. Excessive holes and/or frays are not allowed (Administrator's Discretion).
- Beards and mustaches must be well-groomed and worn in a manner and style that is not distracting in the learning environment.
- Earrings may be worn by females only in the ears in a manner and style that is not distracting in the learning environment.
- No other body piercing jewelry will be allowed for males or females (i.e., nose, eyebrows, tongue, etc.) Temporary spacers, band aids, etc., will not be allowed to cover up piercings in these areas.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times, and no undergarments may be visible. Cut-outs or other designs that expose undergarments or any part of the torso are not allowed.
- Female students may wear tank tops and spaghetti strap tops with appropriate shirts and blouses over them. Female students may also wear sleeveless shirts as long as the top of the shoulder is fully covered (i.e., from the neck to the end of the shoulder).
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must extend beyond the longest fingertip when arms are extended and dropped to the side while standing.
- Shorts for males must extend beyond the longest fingertip when arms are extended and dropped to the side while standing.
- Shirts, blouses, etc. must be long enough to cover the mid-torso while sitting, standing, bending over, or raising the arms.
- Apparel worn by girls should not reveal cleavage.
- Tattoos that are lewd, offensive, and vulgar or have obscene pictures, emblems, or writings, or support tobacco, alcohol, and drug use must be covered.
- Appropriate see-through garments may only be worn over clothing that meets regulations.
- Hairstyles should be neat and well-groomed. Hair styles that cause undue attention are not permitted.
- Hair picks or combs of any type may not be worn in the hair.
- Trench coats or western-style dusters are not permitted.

If a campus administrator determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be allowed to correct the problem at school and return to the classroom. If the problem cannot be corrected at school, the principal will work with the student and parent to obtain an acceptable change of clothing for the student in a way that minimizes loss of instructional time. Repeated or severe offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.