STUDENT DRESS CODE

Oglethorpe County High School is a working and learning environment. All students are encouraged to observe a standard of grooming and dress consistent with the importance of the school's mission of education. Consequently, this dress code is designed to enhance the safety for all and to minimize distractions from the learning environment.

Any dress code violation will be handled by the OCHS administration. Students found in violation of the dress code will be escorted to ISS for the rest of the day unless they are able to fix the violation immediately (change of clothes in book bag or locker). Students are not to go back to class or walk the halls until the problem has been fixed. Students will receive discipline action at administrative discretion. Dress code checks at various times throughout the school year will occur to help curb dress code infractions. The school administration will have the final decision in determining whether a student's apparel is considered inappropriate. Some repeat instances may be considered insubordination and require more drastic disciplinary action.

Specific guidelines include, *but are not limited to*, these points:

1. **Pants, dresses, shorts, & skirts:** The length of these items must be an appropriate length and long enough to cover all undergarments whether seated, standing, or in motion. These items must not have holes, rips, tears, or frays that reveal any skin and must extend to the fingertips. Pants must be worn at the natural waistline. Pajama bottoms are not permitted.
2. **Tops & shirts**: All parts of the shoulders, stomach, chest, and back must be fully covered. These garments must be long enough to provide such covering whether seated, standing, or in motion. Shirts and tops must fit so that no undergarments are exposed. Tank tops, sheer tops, spaghetti straps, strapless halter tops, & sleeveless shirts are not permitted. Pajama tops are not to be worn at any time.
3. **Headgear**: Students may not wear hats, hoods, or head coverings inside the school building. Hats must be kept out of sight at all times.
4. **Shoes**: Shoes must be worn at all times. Bedroom shoes/slippers/house shoes are not permitted.
5. **Accessories**: Clothing, apparel, and accessories that depict sexually suggestive expressions or actions, profanity, obscenity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, gangs, racism, hatred, violence, or which degrade the integrity of individual groups, is not permitted. Students may not wear heavy chains, collars with spikes, any costume accessories, or any other accessory that may be used as a weapon.

As other situations occur, students will be advised about any other attire, etc. that the administration may determine is inappropriate.