

Tecumseh Middle School Dress Code 2011 – 2012

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 should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

Does my clothing expose too much? (No)

Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? (No)

Are there obscene, profane, drug/alcohol or tobacco related, gang related, or inflammatory messages on my clothing? (No)

Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? (Yes)

If you don't get the correct answer on any of these questions, make the changes before leaving for school.

Students who are found to be in violation of the dress code will be given an opportunity to change or call home for appropriate clothing. If parents cannot bring clothes to school, students will be placed in the Alternative Learning Center for the day.

The following styles or manner of dress are prohibited:

- No student shall dress in a manner, which presents a clear and present danger to the student's health or safety or in a manner, which causes an interference with schoolwork or which creates a classroom or school disruption.
- Hats, hoods (worn over head), sunglasses, sweatbands, tank tops, halter-tops, or mesh shirts are not to be worn during the school day. Bare midriffs are not permitted. All tops must cover the entire shoulder, the midriff and top of the torso to within 4 inches of the collar bone. Pajamas, sleep related clothing, or "lounges" pants are not permitted.
- Pants, shorts and skirts may not be excessively distressed (ragged, torn or worn out) nor may there be holes in the garments that are more than 4 inches above the top of wearer's knees. Undergarments (tights, leggings etc) worn beneath pants with holes more than 4 inches above the knees do not make them in compliance with the dress code.
- Printing or pictures depicting themes of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, and sexual nature (including related innuendo or double entendre) will not be permitted. In addition, any threatening, intimidating, subversive, or vulgar items will not be permitted.
- All shorts, skorts, dresses and skirts must fall to within 4 inches of the top of the knee cap when a student is standing normally. Gym trunks and biking shorts are not to be worn at any time.
- Undergarments, including but not limited to boxers, briefs, underwear, bras, sports bras, should not be exposed at any time. A mesh or "see through" top does not cover undergarments or spaghetti straps sufficiently to make that clothing combination in compliance with the dress code.

- No student, while attending school or school-related event shall wear or display:
 - excessive or unnatural hair styles, hair color, makeup, contact lens, etc.
 - hair styles that cover the student's eyes, impair their vision, or keep staff members from seeing the student's eyes.
 - any item in a visible facial or body piercing other than the ear.
 - excessive-sized items or excessive-sized gauging (larger than a 000g or 7/16") in an ear piercing.
 - any item in a facial or body piercing that may inhibit student performance or speech, that may cause disruption of the educational environment, that poses a risk of health and/or safety concerns, or that may be indicative of gang or cult-related activities, including, but not limited to, a piercing of the lip, tongue, eyebrow, cheek, nose, etc. or
 - wallet chains, spiked, or studded accessories.

The school's administration will have the final decision on whether or not a student's clothing is inappropriate and or constitutes a disruption to school.

The following gauge will help you determine if your shorts or skirts are in compliance with the dress code.

Dress code measuring gauge for shorts & skirts

Inappropriate Range	
Shorts & Skirts in the shaded range do not meet the dress code.	7
You will be required to change.	6
Inappropriate Range	5
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Appropriate Range	4 inches above the knee is the limit for shorts & skirts
To measure, stand straight and have your parents measure.	3
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Place the arrows at the top of your knee cap.	1

