

Tates Creek High School Professional Dress Policy

Students at TCHS are expected to dress professionally. The purpose of the dress code policy is to ensure that the dress and appearance of all students does not present health or safety hazards, and does not cause disruption of the educational process. We believe success is achieved through an enhanced learning environment, with a positive appearance and a good attitude.

Clothing guidelines:

1. Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, or other skin tight pants may not be worn UNLESS worn under a shirt/top that covers private areas and all undergarments.
2. Outermost pants must be worn at or above the hips.
3. Shorts, dresses and skirts must be at least "fingertip length." When arms are down by your side (in a relaxed posture), the fingertip should be touching material.
4. Shoulders, backs, cleavage and stomachs must be covered. This applies to both male and female students.
5. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, see-through or halter tops allowed. (There is no 3-finger rule)
6. Promotion of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, gangs, violence, sexual reference or anything deemed obscene, racially offensive or illegal activities will not be allowed (including, but not limited to: clothing, tattoos, belts, jewelry, etc.)
7. Sleepwear/loungewear, blankets or clothes (including pajama pants) originally intended as sleepwear/loungewear and bedroom slippers will not be allowed.
8. Undergarments shall not be exposed.
9. Students may not have wallet chains, spiked jewelry including bracelets or necklaces.
10. Head coverings including, but not limited to, hats, earmuffs, caps, hoods, visors, bandanas, scarves, head wraps, or mesh head coverings for male and female students will not be allowed unless for religious purposes. This includes bandanas worn as headbands or in pockets.
11. The wearing of sunglasses will not be allowed.
12. Hair grooming devices may not be worn in the hair.
13. Holes may not be worn in clothing in areas where underwear is exposed and/or private areas of the body are exposed. Holes are permitted in pants at fingertip length or below.
14. Trench coats and long rain coats will not be allowed.
15. Clothing must be appropriately sized.
16. Students are required to wear the TCHS issued lanyard and ID badge, unless an adult gives the student permission to remove it in the event wearing the ID badge creates a safety concern.

Steps for faculty and staff to follow to ensure students are in compliance:

1. At the beginning of first block, teachers are responsible for ensuring that students assigned to them are in compliance with the dress code.
2. If a student is out of compliance the teacher will quietly address the student and question if the student can correct the dress code violation immediately.
3. Following the 10/10 policy, students unable or unwilling to correct the dress code violation will be sent to the office and an administrator will work with the student to address the dress code violation. Administration will send student back to class with a note verifying they have been seen.
4. If an administrator sees the student out of dress code compliance after being told to fix, that student will receive a consequence.

**** While it is not possible to detail every clothing item that may not be appropriate, the administration has the right to make the final decision on any dress code issue not addressed above.**

****Teachers uncomfortable with a student's dress have the option to send the student to an administrator.**