

Dress & Grooming

While fashion changes, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted within these general guidelines.

Students should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

- Does my clothing expose too much? Are any of the following showing; undergarments, bare midriff, bare side, buttocks, cleavage, or bare legs above fingertip area? **(No)**
 - Clothing displaying undergarments, strapless tops, spaghetti straps or open sided shirts are not appropriate for school/school events.
- Is/Are my skirt/dress/shorts of the appropriate length? **(Yes)**
 - The length of my skirt/dress/shorts are at least to my fingertips when my arms are extended.
- Am I wearing leggings, Yoga pants, tights or other pants, slacks or shorts made of spandex or tight fitting material? **(Yes/No)**
 - If yes, the leggings, running pants, etc. I am wearing are covered at least to my mid-thigh by my shorts, skirt or shirt.
- Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? **(No)**
 - Clothing that promotes/advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs or other illegal activities will not be permitted.
- Are there obscene, profane, gang-related, hateful or intimidating messages with respect to race, gender, religion or disability on my clothing, jewelry, or possessions? **(No)**
 - This includes messages with double entendres or innuendos that can be interpreted in an inappropriate way.
- Am I wearing headgear? **(Yes/No)**
 - If “yes,” all hats, hoods or bandanas, etc. will need removed once student has arrived to school prior to the day beginning.
- Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? **(Yes)**
 - Warm clothing is necessary to go outside during cold days of fall/spring as well as the winter months.
- Do I have proper athletic wear for my P.E. class/special school events? **(Yes)**
 - Do I have a change of clothes from those I plan to wear during the school day?
 - Shorts, sweats, t-shirt, court shoes, etc.
 - Physical Education classes and/or special days at JMS where students may be outside and athletically active may require appropriate athletic wear that may vary from normal school attire (Examples - Bike to School, Paddle to School, Games Days, special days/trips where students will be active).
- Shoes, boots or sandals are expected to be worn at all times while in the school.
 - Shoes that contain “wheelies” or rollers may not be worn in the building.

If a student has selected a manner of appearance that is beyond mere freedom of expression and disrupts the educational process, interferes with the maintenance of a positive learning climate, or presents risk to themselves or others, they may be removed from the educational setting. This may also result in disciplinary action.

Student who are representing Jonesville Community Schools at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements as well. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, field trips and other such groups or extra-curricular activities.

School administration will make the final determination on the acceptability of clothing or appearance. Repeated offenses may result in progressive discipline up to and including change of clothes, parent contacted, removal from class, lunch detention, and Saturday School.