

J. T. Alton Dress Code 2014 - 2015

A dress policy cannot be written to address every situation presented. This policy is not intended to be an exclusive list of permitted or prohibited items of dress. If a student's dress and appearance is, in the opinion of school authorities, inappropriate for our school environment, the student will be instructed to correct the problem before attending class.

The following are the guidelines for J. T. Alton school attire:

All clothing is to be free of holes, tears and fraying and may not promote drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, violence, gangs, vulgarity or any other controversial/illegal substance or activity.

All students must wear sleeved shirts (short or long) that do not expose midriffs, back, undergarments, or cleavage. Shirts may **not** be made of lace, sheer, or see through material. Off the shoulder tops, tank tops, jerseys with cut sleeves are not allowed. Any sleeveless dresses or tops that are worn should be covered by a cardigan, jacket, hoodie, or other outer garment.

Students may wear any color pants/shorts. Denim is allowed with no holes, tears or fraying. **Yoga/exercise pants, lounge wear, or pajama pants are NOT allowed.**

Students may wear shorts, skirts, and dresses at an appropriate length. They must not be any shorter than the fingertips when arms are down by the side of the body. (Leggings can be worn with appropriate length skirts, dresses/sweater dresses, and shorts.) **NOTE: Leggings are not to be worn as pants, but as an accessory to dresses, skirts, and shorts.**

Shorts and pants should be worn at the waistline. **NO SAGGING!**

No oversize clothing.

Cotton sweat pants and baggy fleece pants may be worn only on special days designated by the school.

Headwear (hats) may be worn during the school day only on special days designated by the school.

All heavy coats worn to school must be placed in the student's locker at the beginning of the school day. However, lightweight jackets (ex. windbreakers, hoodies, sweatshirts) are allowed.

Purses and backpacks are not allowed in the classroom and are to be placed in the student's locker.

Over the ears headphones are **NOT** to be worn or used during school hours. Only ear buds are allowed during computer lab or classroom exercises.

Individual expression by hairstyle and color should not be disruptive to the educational process. Hairstyles should be maintained by what the staff feels is a non-disruptive style.

If a teacher feels that a clothing style is in violation of the dress code or substantially disruptive to the education process, the teacher will follow the procedures outlined under J. T. Alton's discipline policies. This will involve having the student alter the style or call the parents for a change of clothing. The right to wear particular types of clothing may be taken away from students who violate the dress policy (for example: A belt would be required for a student that persistently wore sagging pants). Our dress code is based upon *common sense* and *reason*. If you are in doubt concerning what may or may not be worn to school, ask your teacher, the counselors, the assistant principal or principal. They will be glad to help.