

Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center Dress Code

School attire and school performance are closely related. School dress sets a tone within the school. Clothing that reflects good taste and a business-like approach to education is required. Remember, you chose to be at Fort Hayes, and in doing so are choosing to BE EXCELLENT by following the regulations of this school.

The following are not permitted:

- 1) Halter tops, bare midriffs, see-through blouses, tank tops, tube tops, sleeveless muscle-type shirts
- 2) Shorts [long slacks, skirts, pants, and Capri pants* below calf/above ankle are acceptable; skirt hems are to be at the extended fingertips when standing; culottes/skorts are classified as shorts and are not acceptable; Bermuda's and long baggy shorts are not classified as Capri pants and are not permitted]
- 3) Bare feet, slides, nor flip-flops (shoes must have a back strap around the ankle)
- 4) "Head rags," handkerchiefs as a head cover, bandannas, sweat bands
- 5) Wearing outdoor clothing in the classrooms, etc. (examples: coats, hats, scarves, gloves, inappropriate head coverings)
- 6) Pajamas (or any bedroom attire including to blankets, slippers, or snuggies)
- 7) Clothing/accessories that may suggest "street" or "gang"-related activities
- 8) Clothing/accessories that advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco, profanity, or negative social statements
- 9) "The baggy pants look" that exposes underwear/buttocks
- 10) Jewelry**, metal, pins with protruding attachments or spikes (will be considered unsafe for the person wearing or for others)
- 11) Articles of attire or manner of dress that may be deemed disruptive or inappropriate (e.g., micro mini-skirts with tights worn under, leggings worn as pants, adornments attached to clothing) or unsafe
- 12) Sunglasses, goggles, and hats are not to be worn in school buildings

*Note: Capri pants will be defined by retail store photos specifically noting Capri pants. Capri's must fit the contour of the leg. Long baggy shorts (whether pulled down or not) are not Capri pants.

**Two, three, four finger ring jewelry types ("brass knuckles") are classified as a weapon in the Columbus City Schools.

No student will be permitted to openly defy the dress code. Students will need to contact home for a change to proper school attire. No exceptions!!