

Elementary Student Dress Code

The Botetourt County Public Schools dress code for Grades PK-5 prohibits the wearing of any of the following:

- Any clothing or accessory that contains references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
- Any clothing or accessory that contains vulgar, derogatory, violent or suggestive diagrams, pictures, words or slogans that may be interpreted as offensive and/or likely to cause a disruption in the school setting.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts shorter than mid-thigh.
- Pants or skirts worn low on the hip so that undergarments or bare skin is exposed.
- Strapless tops or any top with shoulder straps less than 1” (Grades 3-5, only)
- Tops that are cut so short that bare skin in the midriff area is exposed.
- Holes in garments that reveal undergarments.
- Hats or non-religious head coverings worn inside the school building.
- Sunglasses or other permanently tinted glasses.
- Bedroom slippers.

Some classroom activities or curriculums call for specific dress guidelines. Any such changes will be explained to students by the teacher.

Middle/High School Student Dress Code

The school building is a student's work place. Student dress should reflect this. The Botetourt County Public Schools dress code for Grades 6-12 prohibits the wearing of any of the following:

- Any clothing or accessory that contains references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
- Any clothing or accessory that contains vulgar, derogatory, violent or suggestive diagrams, pictures, words or slogans that may be interpreted as offensive and/or likely to cause a disruption in the school setting
- Any gang related apparel, accessories, or other trademark that advocates illegal behavior
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts shorter than 5" (the length of an index card) above the knee cap
- Pants or skirts worn low on the hip so that undergarments or bare skin is exposed
- Leggings, tights, or other tight fitting leg wear that are worn as stand alone pants (These items can be worn with a top or dress that falls at approximately mid-thigh.)
- Strapless tops or any top with shoulder straps less than 3" wide, the width of an index card
- Tops with necklines that are lower than the straight line that runs from the top of one underarm straight across to the other underarm
- Tops that are cut so short that bare skin in the midriff area is exposed
- Holes in pants above the 5" line acceptable for dresses, skirts, shorts, and skorts
- Hats or non-religious head coverings worn inside the school building
- Sunglasses or other permanently tinted glasses
- Bedroom slippers or pajama/lounging pants

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