

ALBERTVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Albertville Advantage: A Superior Education Today - Tomorrow - Together



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The Albertville City Board of Education recognizes the effect which students dress and grooming have upon student behavior and commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. To maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board requires that all students exercise good taste regarding their personal appearance. Attire considered disruptive or that could present a health or safety problem is not appropriate. Prohibited dress violations are listed below, but this list is not all inclusive nor is a violation of the dress code limited to the following:

1. Any clothing that is explicitly gang related is prohibited, or colors that would lead school administration to believe the student to be wearing gang colors.
2. Any article of clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, adornment that displays vulgar or abusive words, pictures, designs, lettering or messages that may be offensive to a particular racial, ethnic, or religious group or unusually large displays on vehicles driven to school by the student that potentially disrupt the educational process.
3. Dresses, shirts or tops that are low cut in the front or back are prohibited.
4. All tops must have straps that measure at least 1" wide and cover both shoulders. No spaghetti strap tops may be worn without a blouse to cover it.
5. All shirts or blouses that expose the midriff at any time are not permitted. Halter type dresses or tops and tube tops or clothing that does not cover undergarments is prohibited.
6. No "see through" clothing is allowed unless the clothing that can be seen meets the dress code. No muscle shirts, skin-tight shorts (such as bicycle shorts) or sleeveless T-shirts designed to be undergarments are allowed.
7. No hats, bandanas, athletic headbands, sunglasses, visors, or any headwear not otherwise required, may be worn in the building during the regular school day (unless medically required).
8. Bare feet and any type of footwear that is detrimental to the floor or floor-coverings, i.e., boots and shoes with cleats, is prohibited. Any other footwear that is distracting to the learning process, i.e., house shoes, is not acceptable.
9. For safety reasons, oversized or long coats may not be worn out of season. Students should not wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or other accessories that can be used as weapons. No chains will be allowed on students except for necklaces and bracelets that are for cosmetic purposes.
10. Facial piercing disruptive to the learning environment is not permitted (Earrings cannot be excessive or create safety or health hazard and shall not be worn during sports & PE activities). Principal may use discretion for final determination.
11. All shorts, culottes, skirts, and dresses are to be NO shorter than 3" above the kneecap. The principal may use discretion for final determination. Pants or shorts with holes or cuts must not show skin above the 3" mark.
12. No athletic sweatpants that are tight fitting and unsuitable for school attire are permitted. Clothing with writing on the seat of the garment is not allowed.

13. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to be worn, i.e. clothing worn backwards or inside out, or suspenders/overalls undone are not allowed. Specifically, pajama pants, pants worn too low, too long, or excessively large are not permitted. Pants are to be worn at the natural waistline with a belt if needed. Excessively large clothing of any kind is not permitted.
14. Appropriate attire must be worn over leggings at all times. Garments worn over leggings must be at least fingertip length or longer.
15. Neither hairstyles nor hair color should be disruptive of the learning environment.

Students who violate the rules and/or intent of the Dress Code will be subject to punitive action as well as having privileges allowed under the Dress Code withdrawn.

If any type of dress is questionable and does not fall under the Dress Code, the school administration has the final authority in determining whether the dress is acceptable.