



STANDARDS OF DRESS

Students are responsible for dressing in an appropriate manner at all times while on school campus or while involved in school or district sponsored events/activities. Generally, student attire is considered appropriate as long as it does not, or foreseeably could not, interfere with the educational process, cause disruption, or damage school property. In addition to clothing, hats, and shoes, “attire” includes any jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, comment or other items worn or displayed by an individual.

The administrative team has the authority to determine if a student’s personal appearance and dress style is inappropriate or does not meet the school’s standards, and to follow through with corrective action.

The following guidelines help to define appropriate dress at Black Water Middle School:

- Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety.
 - ✦ Chains, including those on wallets, may not be worn at any time.
 - ✦ Hats, headgear, and sunglasses must not be worn in the building unless approved by the administrative team.
- Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive.
 - ✦ Tank tops must have straps that are more than three adult fingers wide (2 or more inches wide).
 - ✦ Muscle shirts, tank tops, or basketball jerseys with oversized arm holes must be worn with a t-shirt or shirt underneath.
 - ✦ Undergarments must be covered by outer clothing. Underwear should not be visible at any time.
 - ✦ Halter tops, boxer shorts, fishnet apparel, exposed midriff apparel, swimming attire, pajamas, bedroom slippers, outer lingerie, tight “spandex” clothing, and sheer fabric may not be worn.
- Attire must be of adequate length to assure modesty when the student is seated or engaged in school activities. At a minimum, shorts/skirts/dresses/long tops should be below fingertips when arms/hands are extended at the sides. This applies to all outer clothing even if clothing is worn underneath the shorts/top or skirt. Cutouts in clothing are allowed if they comply with the above regulations (finger-tip length).
 - ✦ Leggings must be opaque (not see-through). Tops should comply with the finger-tip length regulation when worn with leggings.
- Attire must not show evidence of membership or affiliation with a “gang” in any negative sense of the term (for example, bandanas, scarves, sweatbands, or colored beads may not be worn.)
- Attire (including jewelry) must not reflect images of tobacco, weapons, drugs or drug paraphernalia, alcohol, sexual innuendo, or vulgar, inappropriate or suggestive symbols or language.

For any apparel that is considered to be unacceptable, consequences are as follows:

If the student is referred to an administrator, the student’s parent will be called to bring a change of clothes to the school. In the meantime, the student may be assigned to ISS.