

MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FULL TIME SECONDARY PROGRAMS STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students must maintain a neat, clean appearance at all times. Apparel shall not be so tight fitting, sheer, transparent, brief, low cut or revealing above or below the waist as to be indecent, overly provocative, distracting or disruptive to the school environment. Knowledge of the dress code is the primary responsibility of the student and their parents/guardians. Students are expected to maintain an appearance that is neither distracting to teachers, other students, or to the educational process of the school. It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to make certain that what their son/daughter wears to school is tasteful and appropriate. The administration reserves the right to advise or counsel students as to what is or is not in good taste and appropriate.

1. Shorts are permitted during school hours. The length of cutoffs, shorts, "skorts," dresses, and skirts must exceed the length of the student's fully extended fingertips when placed at the student's side. Running shorts and gym shorts are not permitted unless during physical activities. Undergarments must not be visible. Swimsuits and pajama pants are not permitted. Size and/or length of pants must not present a safety hazard.
2. Halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, and open-backed shirts are not permitted. Sleeveless blouses and sleeveless shirts may be worn if they have a minimum of a two-inch width and no undergarments are showing. Male sleeveless undershirts are not permitted. Basketball jerseys are permitted, if worn over a T-shirt. Sweatshirts, warm-ups and T-shirts are permitted if they are neither torn nor contain a questionable slogan or print that is clearly vulgar, offensive, lewd, obscene, or connotes the use of alcohol and/or drugs. Pants and/or shirts that expose the midriff are not permitted. Excessively low-cut shirts are not permitted. Sheer tops are only permitted with an additional layer of clothing underneath.
3. Footwear is required. Open-toed shoes with backs may be worn if they do not present a safety hazard to the wearer. Flip-flops, and sports sandals without backs are not permitted. Heels over three inches are not permitted. Your foot must be secure in your shoes at all times.
4. Safety and protective clothing/glasses, and footwear as well as athletic or gym clothing, shall be worn as required by the administration in concert with the suggestions of the classroom teacher.
5. Hats may not be worn indoors. "Hats" shall not include headwear of medical or religious significance.
6. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors unless prescribed by a doctor.

7. Students attending any school functions (field-based experience, field trips, dances, activities during or beyond school hours) will not be permitted to participate unless they are properly attired. Properly attired is defined as the school dress code or a specific dress code issued for the school related activity.
8. Individual schools, based upon programmatic needs, may have more specific dress code requirements. These requirements will be communicated to all students and their parents/guardians, and will be included in the Student Handbook.
9. Students not conforming to the dress code shall be disciplined by the building administrator, in accordance with other board policies. In addition, parents, when notified, will be expected to pick up students who arrive to school dressed inappropriately and/or bring appropriate attire to school. Students not in accordance with the dress code may be kept from attending class at the discretion of the building administrator.

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