

## **DRESS CODE/ APPEARANCE**

The purpose of Beal City Junior/Senior High School is to be a place where students can learn. Our goal is to help students to become productive citizens in the community, in the world of work, and in higher education. To prepare for these roles, **students must dress and present themselves to others in an appropriate manner that reflects self-respect.** In the world of work, how we present ourselves is important and dress codes are commonplace. The same standards apply at school. Dressing appropriately sets the tone for learning and eliminates distractions. While fashion changes, the reason for attending school does not. Students are enrolled to learn, and the integrity of the teaching/learning process is of paramount importance. Thus, students are expected to dress in a manner that is neither distracting nor disruptive to the educational process. Although personal expression is valued and student dress is a parental responsibility, school personnel will confer with students and parents, and/or take corrective measures as necessary in instances in which dress and grooming are dangerous to safety, detrimental to good health, or so distracting as to interfere with the teaching and learning process.

**Dress Code Regulations: The following are the regulations for all students at Beal City Junior/Senior High School.**

### **We EXPECT:**

1. All students to wear clothing that is appropriate for school.
2. Parents to see that students have acceptable grooming and dress prior to their attending classes.
- 3. Shirts and blouses must cover the skin from the chest to the belt line, and not expose undergarments. No shirts with the sides missing or shirts that expose the midriff area front or back.**
- 4. Shorts and skirts length should reach mid-thigh, if a measurement must be made shorts should be within 5 inches of the top of the knee cap.**
4. Slacks, pants, skirts, shorts, sweatpants and warm-ups to be worn around the waistline.
5. Students are at all times to wear appropriate foundation garments and under clothing that is not visible to onlookers.

### **We will NOT allow students to:**

1. Attend school if their personal hygiene or clothing endangers their own health or safety or that of others, or interferes in any way with the educational process;
2. Wear clothing that displays degrading or obscene language; clothing with pictures or slogans of alcohol, weapons, drugs, or tobacco-related products; clothing with slogans/pictures containing sexual innuendo;
3. Wear or display any apparel that is gang related or to wear any items affiliated with hate groups;
- 4. Wear hats, sweatbands, hoods, or headgear in the building during school hours;**
5. Wear sunglasses in the building unless the student submits a doctor's note to the office;
6. Wear see-through clothing;
7. Wear spikes, chains or sharp objects;
- 8. Wear jackets, coats, hats, or headgear of any kind (including hoods, bandanas, and sweatbands), during the school day without prior administrative approval;**
9. Wear any other apparel which the administration determines to be inconsistent with community standards.

### **Dress Code Violations:**

1. Students in violation of this policy will be sent to the office by a staff member for correction of the violation;
2. If no proper clothing is available, the student will call his/her parent/guardian and request that proper attire be brought to the student or that the student be given permission to go home to obtain proper clothing; students will not be allowed to return to class until properly attired;
3. Students who continually violate this policy will face disciplinary action;
4. The building administrator will make the final decision in any case.