

DCTS STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Dauphin County Technical School believes that pupils perform at their best in classroom situations if a standard for good grooming is followed. The value of a clean and neat appearance cannot be overstated. In our professional judgment, well-dressed and well-groomed students are also a well disciplined group of students. All students must comply with the following rules and regulations on appearance:

- A. All students shall be neat and clean in order that a healthy and educationally conducive atmosphere can be maintained. Individual teachers will prescribe appropriate grooming and clothes for Career and Technical classrooms and gym.
- B. Uniforms may be required in certain programs. It will be the responsibility of the student to provide an adequate supply of uniforms and wear them whenever in the career and technical area.
- C. No clothing should be worn tight, frayed or immodest as to be distracting to the educational environment. This includes: thermal underwear as an outer garment, strapless tops, tank tops, halter tops, midriff tops, spaghetti strap tops, low cut tops, mesh tops, muscle shirts, see-through attire, pajama pants, torn jeans etc. At no time should cleavage, bare midriffs, torsos or underwear be exposed.
- D. Trousers must be worn so the belt/waistband is above the hips. Trousers shall be worn to stay up while walking without needing to hold them.
- E. Skirts, shorts (this includes skorts), and any pants that do not cover the leg to the knee are not permitted. Leggings may not be worn to compensate for inadequate skirt or short length.
- F. No hats or headgear should be worn in the building except in career and technical areas if it is deemed appropriate by the instructor. Hats should be kept in a shop locker or hall locker and not carried throughout the day.
- G. Appropriate foot covering must be worn for health and safety reasons. Shoes with laces must be tied and secured. No footwear shall be worn that is a hazard in the career and technical area.
- H. No buttons, slogans, pictures, words or patches are permitted if they are a distraction to the educational process. This includes tobacco, drug and alcohol slogans or advertisements, sexual references, satanic references, racial, ethnic and religious intimidation references, etc.
- I. Inappropriate jewelry and decorations are not permitted. This includes: do-rags, bandannas, full head scarves, other excessive hair decorations, and a glove or gloves. Body piercing jewelry will not be allowed where it becomes a safety hazard, as per the discretion of the instructor.
- J. Chains, spikes, or raised metal studs attached to jewelry, clothing, wallets, belts or keys damage furniture and are a safety hazard. They may not be worn in school.
- K. Outside jackets, coats, backpacks, bookbags, cloth draw string bags, and any type of bag or purse large enough to secure a textbook must be secured in a homeroom, shop, or gym locker during school hours.
- L. Goggles and safety glasses must be worn in those areas where required.

Students who do not abide with the provisions of the dress code can expect to be counseled by teachers, counselors or administrators. Final decisions on the appropriateness of dress and appearance will be at the discretion of the administration. Students violating the dress code may be sent to ISS or sent home.