

## Thomasville High School Dress Code

We believe students should dress for success. Part of being in school is learning how to dress for different occasions and situations, and within the norms of the community and setting. The principal or other duly authorized school official shall determine whether any particular style of dress, apparel, grooming or use of emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols violate this rule. The dress code is in effect as long as the student is on campus on any day school is in session. Students must be in compliance with the dress code upon entering the building to avoid discipline consequences.

### Specific Dress Code Previsions

- No emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of other students or otherwise to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school.
- Clothing depicting disruptive words, violence, vulgarity, drugs, alcohol, weapons, or disrespect for others will not be allowed.
- **Earbud/Headphone/Bluetooth use is prohibited inside the building(s) with two exceptions.** (1.) Earbuds may be used in class when directed by the teacher for instructional purposes. (2.) Earbuds may be used in the cafeteria during breakfast or lunch but may only be used in one ear due to safety concerns. Students may not have these items in ears or around neck in prohibited areas.
- No bare midriffs, tank tops, halter tops (one shoulder out, tube tops) low or revealing necklines, spaghetti straps, sleeveless tops that do not cover foundation garments. All tops and blouses should be long enough to be able to be tucked. No stomach area should be exposed. No leotards, tights or jeggings are to be worn without an appropriate top that reaches four (4) inches above the knee.
- Any sleeveless jerseys must include a full T-Shirt underneath.
- Wearing pajamas or carrying blankets is prohibited. Students may bring or wear jackets.
- No sagging pants or shorts, no low waist pants or low rider pants. Pants must be worn around/over the hips at natural waistline.
- Clothing that is tight or tied to be tight may not be worn.
- All short dresses and skirts must reach within four (4) inches above the knee. (This also includes high-low dresses and skirts with lining underneath). For any garment with a slit, the slit must not go higher than four (4) inches above the knee. Shorts (that are not dresses or skirts) must reach within five (5) inches above the knee.
- Hats, scarves, headbands, do-rags, bandanas, or other head coverings are not allowed in the school building. This applies to all students.
- Any footwear not intended for outdoor wear (bedroom slippers, shower slippers, etc.) is not permitted. Slides are considered bedroom/shower/lounge shoes and are strictly prohibited. "Dress" Sandals which contain at least one part made of leather are acceptable.
- Jeans with holes above the knee are not permitted.
- Please see an administrator for clarification prior to wearing any items to school that may be questionable. The principal or designee has final authority over all dress code matters.

### *Electronic Devices and Accessories*

Students are allowed to use their cell phone/electronic device before and after school, between classes and during lunches- for activities that do not require audible sounds or earbuds/headphone usage- such as text, social media, apps, games, etc. Playing of music or other audible sounds is strictly forbidden. Earbud usage is allowed under specific provisions in the cafeteria (see below). At no time inside the building is talking on a cell phone allowed

unless directed to do so by an adult. Students who need to use a cell phone for talking to a parent must report to the front office. During instructional time (class time), cell phones/electronics can only be used with teacher permission for instructional purposes.

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Students may possess or use personal electronic devices on school property, on school buses, or at school-sponsored events according to the following guidelines:

- Personal electronic devices including cell phones may not be used to cause any disruption in the educational process or for unethical or illegal purposes. Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, cheating on assignments and/or tests, harassing or bullying others, and taking or distributing unauthorized photographs or recordings of other people.
- Personal electronic devices may not be used to access any obscene, threatening or otherwise inappropriate material via any form of electronic communication.
- Personal electronic devices may not be used for any activity prohibited by the THS Code of Conduct, to circumvent THS network security or for any unauthorized access to or inappropriate use of the THS computer network.
- THS will not be responsible, or liable for, the theft, loss, data loss, damage, destruction, misuse or vandalism of any student's personal electronic device brought onto THS property.

If a student is found to be in violation of the Cell Phone Policy, the personal electronic device (cell phone, etc.) can be confiscated by any school personnel. Refusal by a student to surrender the device will require further disciplinary action and may result in out of school suspension (OSS).

