

# Central Elementary High School

## Dress Code Policy

Each student must dress in a manner which is appropriate for school and its related activities. Good personal appearance, appropriate dress, proper behavior, and healthy personal hygiene are vital to each member of the school community. Developing good taste in dress, good grooming habits, and good behavior are a part of the overall educational program. Students dressed inappropriately can have a negative influence on the educational process and the educational climate of the school. The Talbot County School District believes that this dress code promotes comfort and safety while enhancing the overall learning environment for the students.

- Sagging or baggy pants are not allowed. All pants MUST be worn at the natural waistline. No undergarment should be shown.
- Sleeveless shirts/blouses and/or shirts/blouses that expose the shoulders (cold-shoulder) are not permitted.
- **(Pants should have No Holes, Rips, Shreds or Tears.)**
- Head coverings of any kind (hats, hoods, bandanas, bonnets, scarves, sunglasses, etc.) are NOT allowed.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Bedroom shoes, **Crocs**, stilettos, flip flops, slides and wheeled shoes are not allowed. All shoes must have a heel strap.
- All belts will be buckled.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses must come to 3 inches above the knee (the short side of a 3x5 index card).
- Shirts/Blouses/Sweaters which expose the bare midriff are not permitted.
- See-through clothing is not allowed.
- Clothing which shows cleavage is not allowed.
- Gang related paraphernalia is not allowed.
- Clothing with inappropriate advertising or statements that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, or inflammatory (e.g. alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, gangs, etc.) is not allowed.
- Leggings cannot be worn as pants without a covering of the appropriate length – 3 inches above the knee.
- No yoga, spandex, pajamas shorts or pants are allowed.
- Book bags and large purses must be translucent (clear) or mesh.
- **Any type of unusual or questionable wear will be judged on an individual basis by school administration.**

## Electronic Device Policy

The Talbot County School District (“District”) provides each student access to district-owned electronic devices for instructional purposes.

Personally owned electronic devices are not permitted for use during the “school day” unless authorized by the superintendent or designee. “School day” for all students begins when the student enters the school building and ends when the bell rings to signal the completion of instructional time for the day. A student is allowed to have a personally owned electronic device at school but it must be out of sight and turned off during the school day. Students are permitted to use their personally owned electronic device after completion of the school day.

Students with a health condition which requires the use of a personal electronic device are permitted to use the device during the school day after submitting documentation from their physician and receiving prior approval from school administration. Students may use a personal assistive technology device if the device is addressed in the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan.

The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, and review a personally owned electronic device or file when administration has a reasonable suspicion that a violation of the District’s Code of Conduct or a law has occurred. Violations to this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Students are not permitted to use any electronic device to record audio or video media or take pictures of any student or staff member without receiving prior permission from a teacher and/or administrator. The distribution of any unauthorized media may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension, criminal charges, and expulsion.

The consequences below will be applied to students who violate this policy.

1st Offense – Cell phone will be confiscated and may be retrieved at the school office from an administrator by the parent or guardian. Student will receive 1-3 days of **ISS**.

2nd Offense – Cell phone will be confiscated and may be retrieved by the parent or guardian. The student will receive a 3-5 day assignment in **ISS**.

3rd Offense – Cell phone will be confiscated and may be retrieved by the parent or guardian. The student will receive a 3 day **Out of School Suspension**.

4th (Subsequent Offenses) – Cell phone will be confiscated and may be retrieved by the parent or guardian. The student will receive a 3-5 day **OSS** assignment & referral to Discipline tribunal

**If a student refuses to turn in a cell phone when requested by a teacher or administrator, the student will be suspended from school for three (3) days and must return to school accompanied by a parent.**

