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Choctaw County Schools

2023-2024 School Year

First Semester

DATE	STUDENT CALENDAR	DAY OF WEEK
August 1, 2023	Professional Development Day	Tuesday
August 2, 2023	Professional Development Day	Wednesday
August 3, 2023	Teacher Institute	Thursday
August 4, 2023	First Day for Students	Friday
September 4, 2023	Labor Day	Monday
October 9, 2023	Professional Development Day	Monday
November 10, 2023	Veteran's Day	Friday
November 20-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Holidays	Monday - Friday
December 15, 2023	Christmas Holidays Begin at 3:00 p. m.	Friday

Second Semester

DATE	STUDENT CALENDAR	DAY OF WEEK
January 3, 2024	Professional Development Day	Wednesday
January 4, 2024	Students Return	Thursday
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday
February 19, 2024	President's Day	Monday
February 20, 2024	Professional Development Day	Tuesday
March 29, 2024	Good Friday	Friday
April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break	Monday – Friday
May 23, 2024	Last Day for Students at 3:00 p.m.	Thursday
May 24, 2024	Last Day for Teachers	Friday

REPORTING PERIODS			REPORT CARDS	PROGRESS REPORTS		
8/4/2023	10/5/2023	44 Days	10/12/2023	8/4/2023	9/5/2023	22 Days
10/6/2023	12/15/2023	44 Days	1/4/2024	10/6/2023	11/7/2023	22 Days
1/4/2024	3/12/2024	46 Days	3/21/2024	1/4/2024	2/6/2024	23 Days
3/13/2024	5/23/2024	46 Days	5/30/2024	3/13/2024	4/22/2024	23 Days

GRADUATION AND PROMOTION DATES	
SCHOOL	DATE
Choctaw County High School	May 16, 2024
Southern Choctaw High School	May 17, 2024
Choctaw County Elementary School	May 21, 2024
Southern Choctaw Elementary School	May 22, 2024

DISTRICT DRESS CODE

The Choctaw County Board of Education has adopted a mandatory uniform dress code to be implemented in all schools. All students must abide by this policy. Disciplinary action will be taken to enforce compliance with policy. Students can be denied admission until such time as they are in compliance. Reasonable accommodations (no more than five days) will be made for transfer students entering school during the school year.

The Choctaw County Board of Education has the responsibility to maintain an appropriate atmosphere conducive to learning. Therefore, the Choctaw County Board of Education hereby mandates a uniform dress code to be implemented in all schools. All students must abide by the policy.

Disciplinary action will be taken to enforce compliance with the policy. Students will be denied admission until such time as they are in compliance with the dress code. Reasonable accommodations (no more than five days) will be made for transfer students entering school during the school year. The mandatory uniform policy will be reviewed at the end of each school year.

The uniform guidelines are as follows:

Walking Shorts/Skorts – Khaki or Black (No more than 2” above the kneecap)

The following styles are **NOT** in compliance and may not be worn to school:

- Bicycle shorts

Pants – Any properly sized khaki or black pants (slack style or Capris) may be worn.

The following styles are **NOT** in compliance and may not be worn at school:

- Jogger Pants or any pant with elastic at bottom of the leg
- Leggings/stretch knit
- Sweat pants

Blouse – White (long or short sleeve)

Blouses or shirts must be worn with jumpers.

Shirts – Oxford (long or short sleeve). Any two or three front button shirt with a collar (long or short sleeve) school uniform tee shirts (sold only at school) or turtlenecks in the following colors may be worn:

Choctaw County Elementary School & Choctaw County High School White, Black, or Gold
Southern Choctaw Elementary School & Southern Choctaw High School White, Red, or Black

All shirts should be long enough to be tucked inside students’ pants, shorts, skorts, and skirts. No fitted body shirts are allowed. Shirts/blouses should not reveal any cleavage.

Socks – Solid black, white, khaki, or school colors are allowed.

Socks must be worn at all times.

BELTS

Belts must be black, brown, or khaki. Belts must be worn with all items of clothing that have belt loops, and the end may not hang down below the waist. Belts shall be buckled at all times.

Belt buckles cannot be larger than 2” in diameter.

BRAND NAMES ON ANY ITEM OF SCHOOL CLOTHING MAY BE NO LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF A QUARTER.

All clothing must be properly fitted. Sagging shorts/pants are prohibited. Jumpers, skirts, skorts, and walking shorts should be no more than 2” above the kneecap when the student is standing. Emblems and logos that show through other shirts are prohibited. Long or short sleeve undershirts must be white or the school color with no writing on the undershirts

SHOES

Students must wear shoes. Tennis shoes may be worn. Shoes that mark or damage floors will not be permitted. Shoes that have wheels or other attachments may not be worn. No boots or shoes over the ankle are allowed. No “work” style boots are allowed. All shoe straps must be strapped at all times. All laces must be tied at all times. Shoelaces must be the same color.

Sandals, slides, Crocs, Croc Oxfords (or any shoe made in the style of a Croc), Heelys (skate-shoes) or any variation of Heelys (skate shoes), ballerina slippers, and toe shoes are not allowed.

OUTERWEAR

The following items (full length/no half-coats) will be acceptable in solid school colors, brown, and gray. (No printed fabrics or designs)

- Cardigan sweater
- Long-sleeve pull-over sweater
- Wind breaker
- Full length vest (Not suit style)
- Sports jackets
- Band jackets
- Other school related outerwear
- Sweatshirt

No head coverings (hats, scarves, bandanas, knit hats, etc.) are allowed.

Accommodations will be made for maternity wear.

Heavy outerwear such as overcoats will be permitted. Starter jackets, trench coats, or duster-style coats are not allowed. Visible logos on outerwear will be no larger than the size of a quarter.

Elementary Students: Pullover jackets/coats may be worn, with quarter-sized logos only in black, white, brown, gray, or school color

High School Students: Pullover jackets/coats may be worn, with quarter-sized logos only in black, brown, gray, or school colors.

Jumper or skirt – Khaki or one of the school plaids listed below:

- Royal Park Plaids
- Choctaw County Elementary School & Choctaw County High School #8B
- Southern Choctaw Elementary School & Southern Choctaw High School #70

*Blouses or shirts must be worn with jumpers.

The board may authorize programs to promote donations of funds, and/or uniforms to assist indigent students or students who qualify under McKinney-Vento. Each school must communicate to parents the information specific to the individual site.

With a written request by the principal and the approval of the superintendent, one (1) day each nine-week period may be granted to a school to be out of uniform. Students must be in compliance with the school dress code when they are not in uniform. If an additional day is deemed necessary, the principal must submit a written request to the superintendent for approval.

In addition to the dress code requirements previously listed, the following guidelines must also be observed:

1. All clothing must be properly fitted. Sagging and excessively tight clothing are prohibited.
2. Any article worn which draws undue attention or disrupts classes will not be allowed (e.g. grills, large necklaces, medallions, chains).
3. Combs or picks are not to be worn in hair. Metal picks or combs are not allowed.
4. Belts are to be buckled at the waist and the end must be inside the belt loop; the end may not hang down below the waist. Students are prohibited from wearing sagging pants or shorts. Belt tabs are to be worn, snapped or buttoned.
5. No hats or caps allowed with the exception of school sponsored affiliated functions.
6. No oxford shirts may be worn as jackets; they must be buttoned and tucked inside pants/shorts, skirts and or skirts.
7. Trousers with holes or handwriting on any clothing items are not allowed.
8. Bandannas or du-rags of any color are not to be worn on any part of the body nor carried in or tied on book bags or other bags. These and other articles, which may be deemed inappropriate by the principal, will be confiscated. Long key chains or other articles should not be hanging from the pockets.
9. Shirts must be tucked in so that the belt is visible.
10. No student will be allowed to bring a book bag or any other type of "string" bag to the classroom if lockers are provided.
11. Additional restrictions may be placed upon students participating in extra-curricular activities including any restrictions enforced by the State Athletic Association or other governing organizations.
12. All uniform items must be worn as purchased.
13. Spirit shirts can be purchased from school/school organizations and be worn on Thursdays and Fridays.
14. Student-athletes can wear uniform tops on game days as they comply with dress code.
15. Any dress or personal appearance that the administration believes is disruptive and interferes with a safe and secure learning environment will be dealt with on an individual basis. School administrators will use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of students' dress.
16. Ear piercings are allowed if they do not distract or draw unnecessary attention. No student shall be on the school property with any other visible body piercing, including but not limited to, tongue piercing, facial piercing, and any visible piercing of the stomach.

If a student fails to follow the dress policy, the following measures will be taken:

- 1st Offense - The teachers will refer the student to the school counselor/principal.
- 2nd Offense - The principal will contact the parent and schedule a meeting.
- 3rd Offense - The student will be scheduled for alternative placement at administrations' discretion.
- 4th Offense - Alternative placement in multiples of 3.