

CHOCTAW COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2022-2023 School Year
HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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. 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 guidelines are as follows:

Grades 7- 12

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

The following style is **NOT** in compliance and may not be worn to school:

- Bicycle shorts

Pants – Any properly sized khaki or black pants (slacks or capris style) may be worn to school.

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

Shirts – Oxford (long or short sleeve). Any two or three front button knit 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 High School	White, Black, or Gold
Southern Choctaw High School	White, Red, or Black

All shirts should be long enough to be tucked inside students’ pants, skirts, skorts, and/or shorts.

No fitted body shirts are allowed.

Shirts/blouses should not reveal any cleavage.

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

Socks must be worn at all times.

Belts – Black, brown, or khaki are required.

Belts must be worn with all items of clothing that have belt loops, and the end may not hang down below the waist.

Belt buckles cannot be larger than 2” in diameter

Belts shall be buckled at all times.

BRAND NAMES ON ANY ITEM OF SCHOOL CLOTHING SHALL BE NO LARGER THAN 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

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. Sandals, slides, heels (or any variation of skate shoes) and crocs are not allowed. 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. Shoe laces must be the same color.

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
- Vest (full length; not suit style)
- Sports jackets
- Band jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Other school related outerwear

Visible logos on outerwear cannot be no larger than the size of a quarter.

Heavy outerwear such as overcoats will be permitted. Starter jackets, trench coats, or duster-style coats are not allowed. Pullover jackets/coats may be worn, with quarter-sized logos only in black, white, brown, gray, or school color.

Accommodations will be made for maternity wear.

Jumpers or skirts – Khaki or one of the school plaids listed below:

- Royal Park Plaids
- Choctaw County High School #8B
- Southern Choctaw High School #56

Blouses or shirts must be worn with jumpers.

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 into 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. 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.
14. 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.
- 2nd Offense –The student will be referred to the school principal.
- 3rd Offense – The principal will contact the school social worker to schedule a meeting with parents.
- 4th Offense – The student will lose special privileges (i.e. field trips, ball games, out of uniform days).
- 5th Offense – A parent/student meeting will be held with the superintendent or a designee.

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.