

The Allegany County Public Schools prohibits the wearing of any of the following:

1. Attire that causes a health or safety risk for students. This standard requires that students wear safe shoes or sandals at all times in the school building and prohibits students from wearing sunglasses in the school building during the school day.
2. Headgear in the school building during the school day (e.g, hats, bandannas, forehead and sweatbands, and visors). Students in vocational skill areas may wear appropriate safety headgear as directed by their vocational instructors.
3. Attire that can be used as a weapon (e.g., chains, dog collars, hats with spikes).
4. Attire that unduly exposes or reveals skin or undergarments. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Tops that do not cover the shoulders (e.g., tops that are strapless, tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops).
 - b. Pants, skirts, dresses, or tops which due to their cut or because they hang loose expose undergarments.
 - c. Bare midriffs
 - d. Mesh tops, pants, skirts, or dresses.
5. Coats or jackets in the classroom.
6. Attire that depicts gang affiliation (including but not limited to hats, gloves and shirts).
7. Attire that depicts the use of weapons, or that is obscene, defamatory or contains profanity.
8. Attire that promotes the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
9. Attire that contains sexually suggestive messages.

If the principal or his/her designee determines that a student has violated the dress code policy, the principal or his/her designee will allow the student to remove or change the attire. Attire worn for medical or religious reasons shall be given special consideration under this policy. Additionally, students may be required to make changes to their dress depending on the activity with the exception of medical alert bracelets (e.g., earrings may have to be removed during physical education or intramural sports, hair may have to be worn in a net during labs).