

Gate City High School

2023-24 DRESS CODE

1. All clothing must be appropriately sized, securely fastened and cover midriff, back, sides, shoulders, and all undergarments at all times.
2. Rips, holes, tears in clothing must be below mid-thigh.
3. Revealing garments, such as see-through and mesh clothing must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meets the minimum requirements of this dress code.
4. Gang paraphernalia, garments and/or jewelry, tattoos, or other insignias, which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related wording or graphics, or may tend to provoke violence or disruption and is divisive by nature to the school process will not be allowed to be worn. (For example: rebel flag hoodies, colored bandanas, or any other divisive artwork, slogan, or advertisement on the garment, etc.)
5. Clothing must not state, imply, or depict hate speech or imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or any other group protected by state or federal law and by School Board policy.
6. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could cause injury, such as chains, spikes, leashes, etc. will not be allowed.
7. Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Shoes with wheels, roller bedroom slippers/house shoes will not be allowed.
8. Dresses, skirts, shorts/skorts, must cover to the mid thigh length or longer in both front and back.
9. Costume wear (such as tails, ears, masks, flags, etc.) are not allowed to be worn except on special days designated by the school administration.
10. Hats will be allowed to be worn inside Gate City High School with the following limitations:
 - Eyes and ears must be fully visible at all times. Hoodies, with the hood pulled over the head, will not be allowed. Toboggans that are pulled over the ears will not be allowed.
 - Hats cannot be of a hard material unless such a hat is required for class.
 - Hats must adhere to the same rules regarding inappropriate content as any other piece of clothing.
 - Administration may revoke a student's hat privileges if they are disruptive to the school environment.
 - This rule applies to the halls and interior public spaces of Gate City High School. Individual teachers may set the hat rules for their classroom.
11. No sunglasses (unless prescription)
12. No tank tops or spaghetti straps. Sleeveless tops must be tight under arms with no chest area revealed. Straps must be at least 3 fingers wide.
13. No sagging pants where underwear or undergarments are exposed.
14. No blankets are to be worn to school.
15. Any other dress attire deemed unacceptable to school administration and/or guidance counselors will not be allowed.

Communication Devices

Students may possess/use a beeper, cellular telephone, smart phone, tablet, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) or other communication devices on school property, provided that the device must remain off and out of sight during instructional time unless it is being used for instructional purposes at the direction of the student's teacher.

All mobile phones shall be silenced while on campus or school property.

Students may be allowed to use their cell phones in the morning, before classes begin, at lunch, during breaks, between classes, and after dismissal from the final class

During periods of authorized use, taking photographs, audio recording and video recording are strictly forbidden unless authorized specifically by a staff member.

Violation may result in loss of cell phone privileges for the remainder of the year and possible referral to Alternative Education for a maximum of 45 school days.

The division is not liable for devices brought to school or school activities.

If a student possesses or uses such a device other than as permitted in this policy, in addition to other disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed, the device may be confiscated from the student and returned only to the student's parent.

Unauthorized possession or use will result in the following:

1st offense – Device may be returned to the student at the end of the day.

2nd offense – Device will be confiscated; parent or guardian will pick up the device at the end of the day. (Loss of cell phone privileges for 5 school days)

3rd offense – Device will be confiscated, parents will be called to pick up device. Student will receive after school suspension or in school suspension.

4th and following offense – Device will be confiscated, parent will be called to pick up device. Mandatory loss of privileges for the remainder of the school year. Student will receive after school suspension or in school suspension.

Any offense after loss of privilege, Administration will make recommendation for Alternative Education placement, maximum placement of 45 days.

Confiscation of borrowed communication devices will result in the same disciplinary sanctions

***Students we will be asking for your cell phone number for our records**