**T. W. Josey High School**

**Dress Code Policy**

**2022-2023 School Year**

Students shall at all times adhere to the following guidelines:

• Rules governing body cleanliness, modesty, and neatness of appearance and good grooming. Under all circumstances, the attire must conform to the county dress and grooming policy 14.

• Extreme hair color and/or styles, body piercing, or style of dress that may cause a disruption to the learning environment or school program will not be allowed.

• Coats and Jackets: Coats and jackets shall be the appropriate size for the wearer, shall not be overly baggy so as to distract or otherwise cause disruption or interference with the operation or safe conduct of the school.

• Shirts or Blouses: Unacceptable attire includes clothing that exposes the upper body such as see-through or sheer/lacey garments, halters, spaghetti straps, backless dresses, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, bare midriff outfits, off-the-shoulder shirts, or shirts/blouses that are tied at, or may rise above the waist. **Wearing a jacket over unacceptable attire does not make it acceptable. The student will be out of dress code policy.**

• Skirts, Shorts, Dresses, and Pants: Skirts, shorts, and pants must be fitted at the waist and must be at a length at least equal to the longest part of the fingertip when hanging down by the side of the student, which should be at least the mid-thigh area. The Local Board deems miniskirts and short-shorts to be disruptive and they are not allowed. **This includes skirts and dresses and includes any opening, such as a slit, that exposes the thigh above the fingertip/mid-thigh area previously described herein.**

• All pants/shorts, including jeans, must be without cutouts or holes that expose the skin. Holes below the fingertip/mid-thigh area that are covered and not exposing skin are permitted with the following condition: **The holes are to be built-in bought (from a manufacturer), not after-market made (created by an individual). At no time is exposed skin permitted**. They must be fitted at the waist and must not be baggy or oversized or undersized and not sagging. Pants must not drag the floor. No cat-style/body suits. Leggings, jeggings, bicycle shorts/pants, running tights, and yoga pants are considered an accessory and are to be covered by the appropriate length skirt, dress or other garment. Unacceptable shorts include, but are not limited to: spandex-style "bicycle" shorts, short-shorts, running shorts, boxer-type shorts, or any see-through garment.

• Belts and Straps: Belts, if worn, must be secured at the waist and buckled. All straps must be fastened and sashes must be tied. Excessively large belt buckles are prohibited.

• Shoes: Shoelaces should be tied. No house slippers or altered shoes, such as shoes with wheels, are allowed. At all times student safety should be considered in shoe selection.

• Head Covers: No hats, scarves, sweatbands, bandannas, or other head covers may be worn in the building.

• Fraternity and sorority insignias on clothing are forbidden.

• Sunshade and/or dark glasses will not be worn inside the school building unless prescribed by a physician or another person who is professionally qualified to make such recommendations.

• Students shall not wear clothing (shirts, caps, etc.) that will in any way promote or advertise the use of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, tobacco or stimulant drugs which are illegal for any such student to use.

• Suggestive, vulgar, or obscene pictures and/or language on clothing are forbidden.

• Any symbol or article of clothing that is gang related as defined in Rule 22 is prohibited.

• “Grills” or metallic caps on the teeth are prohibited.

• Uniforms: Athletic, Jr. ROTC, and other school-approved uniforms must meet the guidelines of the Richmond County dress code.

DRESS and GROOMING POLICY CONSEQUENCES

FOR POLICY VIOLATIONS

Students who fail to follow the mandatory Rule 14 of the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline or to follow reasonable directions given by authorized school personnel in connection therewith shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

* First Offense: The principal or designee will communicate the dress code policy to the parent or guardian and the student. The student will receive a dress code violation warning.
* Second Offense: 1 Hour Detention
* Third Offense: 1 Day In-School Suspension
* Fourth Offense: Three Days In-School Suspension
* Fifth and Subsequent Offense: One Day of Out-of-School Suspension

For chronic offenses, refer to Rules 17, 20, 23, 24, 25 & 27.

\*\*Violations will accumulate throughout the entire school year.