



Carthage High School 2023-2024 Dress Code

- ★ Students are expected to come to school looking clean, neat, wearing appropriate clothing and exhibiting grooming that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or others. This ruling prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption or interfere with normal school operation.
- ★ The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing (including placement of such) on clothing, belt buckles, or jewelry that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, racial, or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under Board policy.
- ★ Blankets, quilts, throws, etc. will not be permitted.
- ★ On Spirit Day or special days, students must dress within the dress code.
- ★ Wearing or possessing caps, hats, or other inappropriate headgear inside the building by either males or females during the regular school day is prohibited. These items will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day, semester or school year. (This includes wearing a hoodie as headgear inside of the school building.)
- ★ Sunglasses may not be worn. Eyeglasses with prescription lenses that lighten or darken automatically require a doctor's note.
- ★ House-shoes, slippers, shoes with wheels or cleated shoes may not be worn.
- ★ Gang clothing – clothing or other apparel that is known to be, or thought to be, clothing that is associated with gangs or gang activity is prohibited. Examples: do-rags, hand towels, bandannas, gang hand signals, gang signatures, mottoes, or graffiti.
- ★ Pajama pants may not be worn at any time.
- ★ Articles of clothing should be worn as they are designed to be worn, i.e. suspenders on the shoulders, shirts buttoned completely with the exception of the top button, trousers correct side out, etc.
- ★ Leggings, tight-fitting knit pants may be worn with a shirt/top that comes mid thigh all around.

- ★ Acceptable pants/slacks must be appropriately sized and worn at the waist and cover all undergarments.
- ★ Jeans designed with holes may be worn as long as no skin is showing above mid thigh.
- ★ Trench coats or western dusters will not be permitted. They are not allowed on campus before or after school, on the bus ramp, or on buses.
- ★ Beards and mustaches must be well groomed, and worn in a manner and style that is not distracting in the learning environment.
- ★ No other body piercing jewelry will be allowed for females (i.e. jewelry for the nose, eyebrow, tongue, etc.) Temporary spacers, band aids, etc. will not be allowed to cover up piercings. No body piercing including ear rings will be allowed for male students.
- ★ Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times and no undergarments may be visible.
- ★ Female students may wear tank tops and spaghetti strap tops with appropriate shirts and blouses over them. Female students may also wear sleeveless shirts as long as the top of the shoulder is fully covered.
- ★ Dresses, skirts, all split garments, and shorts must be mid-thigh while maintaining dignity and modesty.
- ★ Shirts, blouses, etc. must be long enough to cover the mid-torso while sitting, standing, bending over, or raising the arms.
- ★ Apparel worn by girls should not reveal cleavage.
- ★ Tattoos that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or have obscene pictures, emblems or writings, or support tobacco, alcohol, and drug use must be covered.
- ★ Appropriate see through garments may only be worn over clothing that meets regulations.
- ★ Hairstyles that cause undue attention are not permitted.
- ★ Hair picks and combs may not be worn in the hair.