Guilford Public Schools strives to provide students with an optimal setting to learn and to prepare them for a professional environment after high school.

I. Definitions

(1) Attire. Clothing, including outerwear, headwear, accessories such as scarves or jewelry, and shoes.
(2) Dress Code. A set of parameters determined by the district that describes standards for student attire.

II. Basic Dress Code

**Minimum Safe Attire.** Student attire must permit the student to participate in learning without posing a risk to the health or safety of any student or school district personnel.

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   (a) Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes. Bathing suits and pajamas are excluded.
   (b) Attire must have fabric covering the front, back, midriff and the sides (under the arms).
       (i) Clothing must cover undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded).
       (ii) Fabric covering breasts, chest, genitals and buttocks must be opaque.
   (c) Hats/headwear/eyewear are allowed unless the classroom teacher requires otherwise. The face must be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the face and ears to be visible to school staff.
   (d) Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, technology classes, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
   (e) Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.
   (f) Attire may not depict, or advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
   (g) Attire may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.
   (h) Attire may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected classification.
   (i) Enforcement must accommodate clothing worn by students as an expression of sincerely held religious beliefs (head scarves, for example) and worn by students with disabilities (protective helmets, for example).

Students who do not meet the requirements will not be permitted to attend class(es) until they either change into clothing that aligns with this policy or return home to change with parent notification. Violations of this regulation may result in disciplinary action.

Exceptions to these guidelines may be considered for special occasions or as they relate to student health.