

Austin Road Middle School
ARMS Scholar Mandated Dress Code Guidelines
2021-2022

In conjunction with the Henry County Board of Education, it is Austin Road Middle School's belief that it should have and enforce hair and dress codes that will assist in preventing disruption of the educational environment, prevent health or safety hazards, and prevent interference with the learning of other students. The following regulations regarding dress code applies to scholars while on school grounds, while participating in school athletic events, while participating in school extracurricular activities, or while on any transportation vehicle owned or used by the Board of Education.

1. Mask are required and are considered a dress code violation when not worn.
2. Extreme hairstyles and unnatural colors that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard are not permitted. Hair should be clean, neat, and well-groomed and must not cover the eyes. Hair in rollers is prohibited.
3. Extreme styles of clothing that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning, cause a disruption of the educational environment, or be a health or safety hazard are not permitted. Clothing should be clean, neat, and worn properly (pants and skirts shall be worn at the waist). Clothing should not be too tight, too loose, too short, or too long and should not have inappropriate writing or pictures, including but not limited to, clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, any prohibited product, sex, depicts or suggest violence or which contain suggestive writings, pictures, or emblems that are inflammatory, vulgar, or discriminatory.
4. Hats, scarves and other headpieces will not be worn within the school building unless approved for special occasions by the principal or the principal's designee. Head wraps, scarves, or dress worn in observance of a cultural or religious tradition/belief are acceptable, as long as it does not cause a disruption of the educational environment.
5. Pants and jeans with splits, cuts, frays or holes that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would cause a disruption of the educational environment, would be a health hazard, or would interfere with the learning of other students are prohibited.
6. Shorts, skirts, culottes, split skirts, or dresses must be reasonable in length (knee length) and appropriate for school.
7. Immodest clothing is prohibited. See-through clothing, bare shoulders, bare midriffs, halters, and tank tops are prohibited. Tight-fitting clothing, such as spandex or bicycle type clothing and/or any facsimile, is prohibited.
8. Jewelry, clothing, or other items that have pictures, logos, lettering, writing or other symbols that the principal considers vulgar, profane, offensive, suggestive, or disruptive, or that reflect sexual or obscene overtones, or that advertise any alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances are prohibited. Spiked jewelry, clothing, shoes, or chains are not permitted.
9. Wearing any clothing, jewelry, or other item symbolizing gang affiliation is prohibited.
10. Uniforms for cheerleaders and drill team participants are prohibited in the classroom.
11. Shoes are required for safety and hygiene reasons and may be worn with or without socks. Austin Road Middle School strictly prohibits slides and flip flops (with or without socks), crocks (with or without back straps) and house shoes of any sort.
12. Earrings or other jewelry of such size or style that, in the opinion of the principal or the principal's designee, would interfere with learning, would cause a disruption of the educational environment, or would be a health or safety hazard are prohibited. Body piercing jewelry (or the facsimile of) on any visible area of the body (including the tongue) other than the ear is prohibited.

1st Violation: An explanation of the violation will be given to students by the administrator and students will receive a JAG BITE. Students may return to regular class upon correction of the dress code violation.

2nd Violation: Students will be placed in In-School Suspension for three (3) days. If the violation is corrected before the expiration of the three days, students may return to regular class after serving one full school day in In-School- Suspension.

3rd Violation: Students will be placed in In-School Suspension for five (5) days regardless of whether the violation is corrected.

4th Violation: A disciplinary hearing will be called. The Disciplinary Hearing Officer could extend placement in In-School Suspension until such time as the scholar corrects their violation.