

SECTION V - STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT – GENERAL AND EXPECTED BEHAVIORS

CODE OF CONDUCT

A major component of the educational program at Goodrich Area Schools is to prepare students to become responsible workers and citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards.

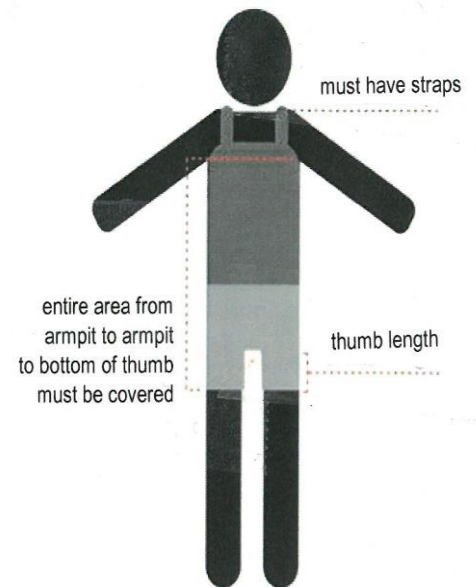
Please note: Before prescribed penalties are enacted upon, administrative intervention will occur and the infraction will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

DRESS AND GROOMING

Goodrich Area Schools respects students' rights to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Goodrich Area Schools are also expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and the adults that supervise them. This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents. The dress and grooming of Goodrich Area Schools students shall be neat and clean, promoting a positive educational environment. All staff members will enforce the dress code.

Minimum Requirements:

1. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, with **at minimum** a thumb length inseam in length on the upper thighs (see image below).
2. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than thumb length.
3. Tops must have straps.
4. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the principal).
5. See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
6. Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration (except for school activities approved by the principal).
7. Pajamas are not allowed (except for school activities approved by the principal).
8. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.



Additional Requirements:

1. Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
4. Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.
5. Clothing and accessories that may damage property and/or endanger students or staff may not be worn.
6. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute and/or denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.
7. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
8. Coats and jackets are not to be worn in class.
9. Blankets are not allowed in school.

Students in Violations of the Dress Code shall be subject to the following:

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing. If a parent cannot bring the student a change of clothing in a reasonable amount of time, the student may be asked to wear appropriate garments from the school closet. **If in violation of the dress code, students will be required to change into dress-code appropriate clothing, and may be subject to the progressive discipline outlined below.**

- 1st Offense - Warning
- 2nd Offense –One (1) after-school detention.
- 3rd Offense –Two (2) after-school detentions and parent meeting.
- 4th Offense – One (1) day in-school suspension.

EXPECTED BEHAVIORS

Each student shall be expected to:

- abide by national, State, and local laws as well as the rules of the school;
- respect the civil rights of others;
- act courteously to adults and fellow students;
- be prompt to school and attentive in class;
- work cooperatively with others when involved in accomplishing a common goal, regardless of the other's ability, gender, race, religion, height, weight, disability, or ethnic background;
- complete assigned tasks on time and as directed;
- help maintain a school environment that is safe, friendly, and productive;
- act at all times in a manner that reflects pride in self, family, and in the school.

EXPECTED USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES (WCDS)

Reasonable suspicion that a communication device has been used to violate District policies or administrative guidelines shall be subject to disciplinary action and may result in the communication device being confiscated.

Electronic device(s) should be off and out of sight unless given the express permission from a staff member. Cell phones, media players, or other related portable electronic communication or entertainment devices (ECD) and electronic storage devices (ESDs) must be turned off upon entering the school building in the morning until the completion of the school day and stored out of sight. However, these devices may also be used in class at the discretion of a teacher for educational purposes and special activities only.

Except as authorized under Board policy, use of WCDs and electronic storage devices in school, on school property, at after school activities and at school-related functions will be subject to disciplinary action.

Violations regarding minor misuse of Cell Phone/Electronic Communication Devices (ECDs)
will result in disciplinary action as follows: Before prescribed penalties administrative intervention will occur and be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

1 st Offense –Confiscated	Warning #1	Student Picks up Phone
2 nd Offense –Confiscated	Warning #2	Parent Picks up Phone
3 rd Offense –Confiscated	One (1) After School Detention	Parent Notified/ Parent Picks up Phone ○ <i>Phone is prohibited in class (must remain in locker or kept in office)</i>
4 th Offense –Confiscated	Two (2) After School Detentions	Parent Notified/ Parent Picks up Phone ○ <i>Phone is prohibited in class and must be kept in the office during the school day.</i>
5 th Offense –Confiscated	One (1) Saturday School (if available)	Parent Notified/ Parent Picks up Phone ○ <i>Phone is prohibited in class and must be kept in the office during the school day.</i>
6 th Offense –Confiscated	One (1) Day ISS (if available)	Parent Notified/ Parent Picks up Phone ○ <i>Phone is prohibited in class and must be kept in the office during the school day.</i>
7 th Offense –Confiscated	One (1) Out of School Suspension	Parent Notified/ Parent Picks up Phone. ○ <i>Phone is prohibited in class and must be kept in the office during the school day.</i>