

New Dress Code Frustrates New Students

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Shopping for school clothes this summer was more of a challenge for some students than it has been in the past. As many know, school officials are tightening down for the 2010-2011 school dress code. The major changes that were made to the existing dress code include: no holes in jeans, no excessively tight pants, no gym wear, pants must be worn outside of the boots and girls must wear shirts that do not show cleavage. Many students are not very pleased with these changes because they cannot show their personality and style, but they understand that these changes are better than uniforms.

Students like to be able to choose what they wear to school. Many of them think that this dress code is too limited. Some students who previously dressed to draw attention to themselves will have to change their style of dressing. Any

accessories that are distractions in class for other students will no longer be tolerated. Even though gym clothes are comfortable and convenient they are prohibited by the new changes to the dress code. The real investment that some students need to make is a mirror. If they truly look at some of the things they wear, they would realize certain things are just not made for them and or not a pretty sight for the rest of us.

The teachers' biggest issue has been the holes in jeans. Teachers waste their class time along with students' time when trying to figure out if the hole is appropriate or not. Many teachers went to the administrative team asking for help to resolve this problem. The administration responded by banning all jeans with any holes. Now teachers will have more time in their classrooms teaching instead of policing the dress code. Also, many of the students have been wearing excessively tight jeans where they can hardly sit down without their pants ripping, this mainly includes skinny jeans.

Students do not realize that these are distractions in the classroom.

The administration discussed the issues teachers were having with the current dress code and decided there were some additional changes that also needed to be made. After the changes were incorporated into the existing dress code, the students were informed of these changes through handouts and automated phone calls. Principal Russell Sowell stated that he likes the changes and

he thinks these changes will help keep students in class, on task, and less distracted in their classrooms. He also said that it was part of their job to prepare students for the business world, hoping these changes will impress on students the importance of looking professional. The dress code was designed to make our school a better place, but some students are still questioning the changes.

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