

Tiger Nation Dress Code Guidelines

The Cleveland Heights University Heights City School District dress code reflects the District's commitment to ensuring a safe, respectful, and responsible learning environment for all students. The purpose of implementing this student dress code is to strengthen the learning environment for classroom instruction and academic performance, prevent disruption of the educational process, and increase the atmosphere for school pride in Tiger Nation. This dress code policy shall be in effect during the regular school year and any summer programming.

Tiger Nation Wear

All students and staff are encouraged to promote school spirit through the use of "Tiger Nation Wear." Tiger Nation Wear is defined as an approved top or bottom having affiliation with the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District either by displaying the District emblem and/or containing the colors of black and gold. All students and staff are encouraged to wear Tiger Nation clothing each Friday during the school year.

General

Attire that is not in compliance with this dress code policy is not permitted. In addition to the clothing items expressly prohibited under this policy, principals and the school administration have discretion to address any attire that is offensive, degrading, and vulgar, that disrupts the learning environment or infringes upon the rights of others.

Clothing or appearance that constitutes a threat to the student's health or safety or damages titled school property is prohibited. Clothing or appearance that displays sexual exhibitionism or that promotes drug/alcohol use or creates a hostile or disruptive environment is also prohibited.

All clothing must be clean, of appropriate size, and fit neatly. Any clothing that is too tight, revealing, or saggy is not permitted.

Wearing tops or bottoms which expose skin or undergarments or any portion of the torso between the shoulders and 4 inches above the knee is strictly prohibited. Prohibited tops and bottoms include, but are not limited to, the following:

Tops

- Loose or form fitting tops
- Tops with holes
- Shirts/tank tops which expose skin or undergarments or any portion
- Pajama tops

Bottoms

- Loose or form fitting bottoms
- Pants with holes
- Pajama bottoms
- Dresses/shorts/skirts more than 4 inches above the knee
- Jeggings/leggings/stockings are permitted only with appropriate length dresses/shorts/skirts

Footwear

Students are encouraged to wear footwear that is “closed toe” and/or is secured to the back of the foot. Footwear with heels exceeding two inches is prohibited unless permitted as part of a school related activity.

Headgear/Eyewear

No head coverings are permitted in school. This includes, but is not limited to, caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sweatbands, skull caps, sunglasses, or any other head covering. All headgear must remain in the student locker during the school day.

Religious Exemptions

Requests for exemptions from the dress code based upon one’s religion or religious beliefs, including an explanation of why the religion/religious belief prevents compliance with the dress code, must be made at least 24 hours in advance, where practicable, in writing to the principal.

Dress Code Violation

This dress code policy shall be included in the Student Code of Conduct and any other student handbooks or discipline policies. Principals are responsible for ensuring that the dress code policy is implemented and enforced. Students who violate this dress code policy shall generally be progressively disciplined unless circumstances warrant otherwise.

Any time a student violates the dress code policy, they will be required to promptly change into alternative acceptable clothing or otherwise promptly correct the violation. Students who cannot promptly correct the dress code violation or who refuse to do so will be sent home. Additionally, a student’s first dress code violation will result in a warning being issued to the student with the student’s parents/guardians being notified of the warning unless circumstances warrant more severe discipline. Repeated violations may result in other disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct, which may include, but not be limited to: detention, suspension, and/or expulsion depending on the circumstances.

Gang Affiliated Attire/Accessories

Gangs are prohibited. A gang is defined as any non-school sponsored group, possibly of secret and/or exclusive membership, whose purpose or practice includes the commission of illegal acts, violations of rules and regulations, establishment of territory or "turf," or any actions that threaten the safety or welfare of others. Gang activity such as initiation, recruitment, wearing of colors, fighting, assault, hazing, or establishing "turf," on titled school property, at school functions and school-related activities, will not be tolerated. Any gang attire, symbols, signs, or other things which are evidence of membership in, or affiliation with, recruitment, or desire to be affiliated with any gang are prohibited.

Clothing and grooming may be more strictly regulated when a student is working on machinery, preparing food, participating in sports, or in laboratory classes.

Students who are representing the school at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, and other such groups.