

Handbook dress code adjustment #1 - Objects hanging from clothes:

To ensure a safe and orderly environment and to minimize physical hazards in high-traffic areas, classrooms, and on school transportation, the following standard for hanging accessories is established.

Prohibition of Snare and Trip Hazards Any non-functional item attached to or hanging from a student's clothing, belt loops, or person that poses a potential snare or trip hazard is prohibited during the school day and at school-sponsored activities.

Standard of Measurement - Consistent with the existing standard for chains, no hanging accessory may extend below the student's fingertips when their arms are held straight down at their sides. Additionally, any item that protrudes or hangs in a manner that may snag on furniture, playground equipment, or school bus components must be removed or properly stored in a locker.

Examples of Prohibited Items (include, but are not limited to):

- **Chains** (including wallet chains or decorative metal links)
- **Capes**
- **Flags** or banners draped from the body
- **Straps** (unsecured or decorative)
- **Tails** (animal-mimicking or decorative)

Handbook dress code adjustment #2 - Daily Attire vs. Costume Wear

Foley Public Schools encourages student expression through fashion while maintaining an environment dedicated to academic achievement. To ensure a clear distinction between daily expressive dress and costumes, the following "Three-Item Rule" applies.

Core Apparel vs. Accessories

- **Core Apparel:** Standard clothing items—including shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses—are considered part of a student's core wardrobe. Themed prints, patterns, or graphics on core apparel do not constitute a costume.
- **Accessories:** Non-essential items added to an outfit for decorative or expressive purposes. These include, but are not limited to: themed headbands, non-functional gloves or handwear (e.g., "paws"), decorative attachments (e.g., "tails"), masks, capes, or face paint.

The Three-Item Threshold To maintain a professional learning environment, students may wear up to two (2) themed accessories as part of their daily attire.

- **Costume:** An outfit that includes **three (3) or more** themed accessories is classified as a "Costume Ensemble."
- **Restriction:** Costume Ensembles are prohibited during regular school days and are restricted to designated spirit days or approved school activities.

Behavioral Standard Regardless of the number of accessories worn, any item that is used in a manner that disrupts the educational process such as role-playing, making animal noises, or causing others to congregate or distract from instruction, will be classified as a **Nuisance Device**. Such items will be confiscated and held in the office until the end of the day.