



# TIFFIN

## City Schools

Our Vision:

Tiffin City Schools  
Great Schools!  
Great Students!  
Great Future!

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Dear Columbian High School Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope your summer break has gone well and that you are ready to begin the year on August 23, 2018. Our theme at TC this year is "Whatever it Takes!" The TC administration and staff will do whatever it takes to empower each student for college, career, and life success. This includes whatever it takes to help each senior gain acceptance into a 2 or 4 year college; acceptance into an apprenticeship or an adult technical education program; acceptance into an in-demand, high quality job; or acceptance into the U.S. Armed Forces. It also entails doing whatever it takes for students to experience academic achievement. Finally, we will do whatever it takes to help our students be Tiffin PROUD. We will challenge our staff and our students to take ownership of their actions; academics; career and college preparation and readiness; and their treatment of others both inside the school and out in our community.

As part of preparing our students for career and college readiness and doing "Whatever it Takes" for our students to be successful, I want to prepare our students for the standards of business and industry and meet our community's expectations in regard to appropriate dress for school and the world of work. Below you will find the TC Dress Code as it reads in the Student Handbook, and I will share my interpretation and expectations of it for students with you.

### DRESS CODE - ATTIRE and GROOMING GUIDELINES

One of the first impressions you get of your fellow students is the neatness of their appearance. The school administration, faculty, and most students are convinced that appropriately dressed students are better students. Therefore, the Tiffin City Schools expect that a student will not call undue attention due to immodest dress, unkempt appearance, or any other form of exaggerated clothing styles, hairdos, or jewelry. Appropriate wearing of apparel and acceptable standards of grooming are expected of all students, including when they are representing the school at community events.

#### The following guidelines will be enforced:

- All students will exercise sound hygienic practices: clean body, hair, and clothing.
- Shoes or sandals are to be worn by all students.
- Clothing which exposes the chest, back or midriff, see-through and/or cutout clothing, tank tops, spaghetti strap dresses/shirts and sheer clothing are not permitted to be worn by students.
- Clothing with suggestive phrases, sexual innuendoes, derogatory pictures or phrases, guns, and advertising of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs are not to be worn.
- No hats are permitted in school. Sunglasses will not be worn in the building unless prescribed by a physician.
- The length of skirts, shorts, dresses, and/or skorts must equal or exceed a student's mid-thigh. Gang colors, identification insignias, and bandanas are prohibited.
- Attire deemed to be disruptive to the school climate include, but are not limited to: boxers worn as outerwear, pajama pants, and similar material, which are prohibited.
- Excessive ornamentation will not be permitted. Examples include: chained wallets, dog collars, and other items of this nature.
- Make-up of the costume variety may not be worn.
- Loose fitting pants are to be worn on or above the hips with no undergarment showing.

Should there ever be any doubt as to the appropriateness of one's attire, don't wear it. *If for any reason a student is sent home, or absent from a class due to inappropriate attire, that student will be unexcused for the time he or she is absent. The school administration has the authority to make final interpretation of these guidelines. Repeated violations of the same dress code item may result in school discipline up to, and including, suspension.*

The Dress Code at TC is clear, easy to understand, and approved by our Board of Education. As principal, the highlighted material is where I want to share my interpretations of the dress code and expectations for you. First, in terms of tops, students are expected to wear a shirt with sleeves--no tank tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, or basketball jerseys without a t-shirt on under them. We want all of our students to have appropriate coverage with their tops. Second, hats and hoods may be worn to school. When you arrive to school and enter the building, you will remove your hat and carry it to your locker or stow it in your bookbag for the school day. Hoods will be taken down when you enter the building and left down while you are in the building. Third, the length of shorts, skirts, dresses, and/or skorts should come to the mid-thigh--this can be hard to do with current fashion trends and the varying heights of students. In short, students, cover the details. You and I, and the staff and your parents, all know inappropriate when we see it. If you have to ask yourself in the morning when you are getting ready for school "Is this ok to wear to school?" Please don't wear it. Finally, pants should be worn at the waist--no sagging.

With clear and concise expectations and effective communication of the dress code, we will make this the best year ever! I look forward to a new beginning at Columbian High School with you and your student and raising the level of expectations for our students to make TC the elite and most high-performing high school in the Sandusky Bay Conference and the northern Ohio area. Parents, thank you for your support in having high expectations for all of our students; please share these expectations with your Tornadoes and have a conversation with them regarding appropriate dress for school and the high expectations you have for your student and his or her success. Go Tornadoes!

Sincerely,



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