

## **DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

Each school principal and staff shall develop a plan for the orderly and safe dismissal of all students. The plan shall encompass the following:

1. Provisions for proper supervision of students who must remain in the school building after regular school hours.
2. Provision for safe loading of students who utilize school transportation.
3. Provision for safety of students when school buses are departing from the school campus.
4. Provisions for the safety of students when automobiles and other motorized vehicles are departing school campus.
5. Provisions for safety of students when school is dismissed early and/or closed for emergency reasons.

Said plan shall be filed with the Superintendent of Schools at the beginning of each school year.

## **DRESS CODE**

The Choctaw County Board of Education has the responsibility to maintain an appropriate atmosphere conducive to learning. In evaluating the adopting of uniforms, the board has observed that uniforms enhance school safety, improve the learning environment, bridge socio-economic differences between children, promote good behavior, improve children's self-respect and self-esteem, and produce cost savings for participating families. Research indicates that schools with a uniform code have fewer discipline problems and higher academic performance. A mandatory uniform dress code allows students to focus on academic competition rather than on peer pressure related to fads and/or costly attire. Therefore, the Choctaw County Board of Education hereby mandates a uniform dress code to be implemented in all schools. All students must abide by the policy. This policy shall not preclude students that participate in ROTC from wearing uniforms on scheduled days.

The Choctaw County Board of Education shall not be responsible for the purchase of school uniforms for indigent students; however, the board may authorize programs to promote donations of funds and/or uniforms to assist indigent students.

Disciplinary action will be taken to enforce compliance with policy. Students will be denied admission until such time as they are in compliance. Reasonable accommodations (no more than five days) will be made for transfer students entering school during the school year.

Each school shall communicate to parents information specific to the individual school site, including uniform requirements and notice of uniform sales. The means by which this information is communicated shall include one or more of the following: (1) school newsletters, (2) PTO meetings, (3) radio and/or newspaper announcements, (4)

registration materials, (5) telephonic notification, or (6) posters displayed at school and in the community.

The school principal and any sole source vendor with the approval of the superintendent may enter into a sales agreement.

The mandatory uniform policy will be reviewed at the end of each year. The uniform guidelines are as follows:

### **Grades 7- 12**

**Walking Shorts/Skorts** – Khaki or Black (No more than 2” above the kneecap)

The following styles are **NOT** in compliance and may not be worn at school:

- Cargo shorts
- Bicycle shorts
- Carpenter shorts

**Pants** – Any khaki or black pants *properly sized* (slack style or Capri) may be worn. The following styles are **NOT** in compliance and may not be worn at school:

- Carpenter pants
- Cargo pants
- Leggings/stretch knit
- Sweat pants

**Blouse** – White (long or short sleeve)

**Shirts** – White oxford (long or short sleeve). Any two or three front button knit shirt with a collar (long or short sleeve) or turtlenecks in the following colors:

Choctaw County High School	White, Black or Gold
Southern Choctaw High School	White, Red, or Black

\*\*All shirts should be long enough to tuck in—no fitted body shirts are allowed.

***\*Visible logos on shirts will not be permitted.***

**Socks** – Black, white, school shirt color

**Belts** – Black, brown or khaki

Belts must be worn with all items of clothing that have belt loops and the end may not hang down below the waist.

\*\*No belt buckles are allowed that are larger than 2” in diameter. Belts shall be buckled.

**NO WORDS OR BRAND NAMES WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY ITEM OF SCHOOL CLOTHING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PANTS AND SHOES WHERE BRAND NAMES MUST BE NO LARGER THAN QUARTER SIZE.**

All clothing must be properly fitted. Sagging shorts/pants are prohibited. Jumpers, skirts, skorts, and walking shorts should be no more than 2” above the kneecap when the student is standing. Emblems and logos that show through other shirts are prohibited. ***Undershirts must be white or the school color with no writing on the undershirt.***

## **SHOES**

Loafers/oxfords/low-heeled ankle boots in black or brown. Tennis shoes must be 80% white, black, or brown. ***Sandals, slides, and crocs are not allowed. No boots or shoes over the ankle.***

***\*\*All shoe straps must be strapped—all laces must be tied at all times. Shoe laces must be the same color as the shoe.***

## **OUTERWEAR**

The following items will be acceptable in school colors or black (**NO GRAY**)

- Cardigan sweater
- Long-sleeve pull-over sweater
- Wind breaker
- Vest
- Sports jackets
- Band jackets
- Sweatshirts (zip-front only)
- Other school related outerwear

Heavy outerwear such as overcoats will be permitted. Starter jackets, trench coats, or duster-style coats are not allowed.

Accommodations will be made for maternity wear.

*With a written request by the principal and the approval of the superintendent, one (1) day each nine-week period may be granted to a school to be out of uniform. Students must be in compliance with the school dress code when they are not in uniform. Picture day is an out of uniform day for all students. If an additional day is deemed necessary, the principal must submit a written request to the superintendent for approval.*

In addition to the dress code requirements previously listed, the following guidelines must also be observed with **uniform** and also **awarded out-of-uniform days**:

1. Girls may wear earrings but only in their ears. Boys may not wear earrings. Neither boys nor girls shall be on the school property with any other visible body piercing, including but not limited to tongue piercing, facial piercing, and any visible piercing of the stomach.
2. Physical education attire is not allowed in the main buildings during school hours.
3. Any article worn which draws undue attention or disrupts classes will not be allowed (e.g. grills, large necklaces, medallions, chains).

4. Combs or picks are not to be worn in hair.
5. Hair and nail care should not be allowed in the classrooms.
6. Belts are to be buckled at the waist for males and females and the end must be inside the belt loop; the end may not hang down below the waist. No sagging pants or shorts for males or females: belt tabs are to be worn snapped or buttoned.
7. Neither boys nor girls are to wear hoods, caps, headbands, ear muffs or hats inside the buildings.
8. No oxford shirts may be worn as jackets; they must be buttoned and tucked into pants/shorts, skorts and or skirts.
9. Trousers with holes or handwriting on any clothing items are not allowed.
10. Bandannas or du-rags of any color are not to be worn on any part of the body nor carried in or tied on book bags or other bags. These and other articles, which may be deemed inappropriate by the principal, will be confiscated. Long key chains or other articles should not be hanging from the pockets.
11. Neither male nor female hair may be worn to school rolled or in rollers.
12. Braided hair must be neat with no foreign articles with the exception of black rubber bands.
13. Students may not wear hairstyles that distract from the learning process or cause disruptions. Any student in violation will forfeit their right to wear braided hair. If there are widespread violations, the right to wear braids will be removed.
14. Shirts must be tucked in so that the belt is visible.
15. Students cannot wear their jackets tied around their waist.
16. No student will be allowed to bring a book bag or any other type of “string” bag to the classroom.
17. Additional restrictions may be placed upon students participating in extra-curricular activities including any restrictions enforced by the State Athletic Association or other governing organization.
18. Any dress or personal appearance that the administration feels is disruptive to the instructional process will be dealt with on an individual basis.

## **GIRLS IN 7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Jumper or skirt** – Khaki or one of the school plaids listed below:

Royal Park Plaids	
Choctaw County High School	#8B
Southern Choctaw High School	#56

\*Blouses or shirts must be worn with jumpers.

**If a student fails to follow the dress policy, he/she will be subject to disciplinary actions as follows:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Verbal reprimand
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – One day after school detention/In-School Suspension
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Three days detention/In-School Suspension
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – One day suspension from school