

PURPOSE: To alter the dress code for room checks.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TO SENATE:

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

The dress code is in place to ensure students wear the appropriate attire at the appropriate time. It goes without saying that the appropriate attire will vary in different circumstances. However, the current dress code states that it must be followed at all times. When it comes to room checks, many students do not adhere to the dress code because their pajamas don't fit its standards. It is known that dorms can get very hot, so many students wear shorts that aren't fingertip length or crop tops to bed. Students should not be forced to adhere to the same standards of the current dress code when they are about to go to bed, especially considering the nature of room checks requires students to come outside of their rooms.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

Page 35 of the 2024-2025 MSMS Student Handbook under "SECTION II - Dress and Grooming"

The following standards must be followed AT ALL TIMES:

- 1) Appropriate undergarments must be worn and should not be visible; and students should not go shirtless;
- 2) Footwear must be worn when outside the residence hall room;
- 3) Clothing may not contain slogans or images which are considered profane or vulgar; or promote tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or gang affiliation; or are considered insensitive to race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or gender;
- 4) Leggings that are see-through or have mesh inserts, clothing considered sleepwear/loungewear, and pajama jeans may not be worn outside the residence halls or in the 1st floor lobby of the residence halls;
- 5) Clothing must provide adequate covering:
 - a. Skirts, dresses, shorts, or similar attire must be finger-tip length while standing and must allow for stooping, bending, and sitting modestly. The appropriate length must be evident in the front and back;

- b. Muscle shirts, mesh/transparent tops, or low-cut tops are not permitted;
 - c. Shirts should be long enough that, at all times, they meet the top of the pants or skirt or shorts so that the midriff, lower back, and/or underwear are not exposed;
 - d. Halters, strapless attire (including off-the shoulder), and spaghetti straps are prohibited; Clothing may not have holes, cuts, slits, rips, or tears that expose or nearly expose underwear or skin above fingertip length.
- 6) Waistbands must be worn at the waist (no sagging pants);

Clothing, wigs, face paint and other items of attire that could be classified as “costumes” are not appropriate for general school wear, unless being worn during a school-approved day and/or activity. The other dress code guidelines shall still be followed

During room checks and room inspections the following standards apply:

- 1) Appropriate undergarments must be worn and should not be visible;
- 2) Clothing may not contain slogans or images which are considered profane or vulgar; or promote tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or gang affiliation; or are considered insensitive to race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or gender;

SECTION THREE (APPENDIX):

Anonymous Response 1: “I like this bill. Earlier this year an RA threatened to write me up for being out of dress code during room check because I was wearing a crop top.”

Anonymous Response 2: “This bill makes sense to me because everyone is already breaking the dress code at room checks so why not make it officially legal.”