



The All-Alluring *Shoulders* TBHS Dress Codes

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Imagine you are wearing your favorite pair of ripped jeans and a teacher comes up to you and tells you that you need to call your mom and ask her to bring you some new clothes. You've been dress coded. This has happened to many students at TBHS.

"I think that the dress codes initiated make sense," senior Spencer Stalcup said.

"The dress codes personally don't bother me at all," sophomore Connor Sarver said.

"I think they are fine honestly," junior Andrew Gjovig said. "I don't really know what they are."

However most disagree.

"I think that a lot of the dress codes are unnecessary," freshman Lily Baumberger said.

"I do not like them. I feel like it attacks females," sophomore Kailyn Cape said. "I understand why they are in place, but some of them are kind of pointless."

"I think they are a little ridiculous," sophomore Tatum Martinez said.

"I feel like the school is pretty strict," sophomore Baylee Rohde said.

"They suck," freshman Jade Wuitschick said. "I feel like you should be able to wear anything you want. Yeah there should be a limit, like you can't come to school wearing only your bra and underwear."

Many think they are unfair.

"I absolutely don't think that dress codes are fair for guys and girls," Baumberger said. "A dude can come to school in his wife beater and a pair of girl short shorts, and nobody would care. But if a girl did that, it would be the biggest deal ever."

"I don't think they are equal," Davis said. "Last year, my friend came to school in booty shorts and my other friend, who is a girl, wore booty shorts that same day and she got dress coded and he didn't."

"If we can't show our shoulders, but guys can walk around in muscle shirts, then I think it's not fair," Martinez said.

"I don't think they are equal for guys and girls, because guys can really get away with anything they want, but we can't show our stomachs because we are distracting guys."

"I don't get why guys can come to school with their muscle shirts on, but we can't wear a simple tank top," Wuitschick said.

"I feel like girls have to be more modest in the dress code than guys do," sophomore Shannon Carr said.

"I think they do target girls more because guys see things as more sexual," Sarver said.

The biggest issue students have with the dress code is the all-alluring shoulders.

"I think the dress code where girls can't show their shoulders is kinda dumb," Stalcup said. "Shoulders aren't really sexual in any way. It's just a shoulder."

"I just think that girls should be able to show their shoulders," Carr said. "I have heard that we aren't allowed to show our shoulders because it's a distraction thing. I don't know if that's really true, because who gets distracted by shoulders? I don't think anyone sees them as a sexual object and if you do, there is probably something wrong with you."

“I think it’s really weird,” Davis said. “Are shoulders offending people?”

“It is the most stupid thing I have ever heard,” Rohde said. “I don’t see how my shoulders affect anyone.”

“Its dumb because, I mean, it's a shoulder,” Wuitschick said. “Who is gonna get attracted to a shoulder? I don't know maybe in someone’s eyes, armpit fat might be seen as a boob or something, but it's really not.”

“I absolutely don't think that shoulders could be seen as sexual,” Cape said. “There is probably someone out there who is obsessed with shoulders but that's probably not too common. That’s not social norm so I don’t think it should be as strict as it.”

“Does it really matter that much?” Gjovig said. “I mean who is gonna look over and say, ‘Oh that’s a shoulder.’”

So, how does the TBHS administration defend the dress code?

“I try not to operate off of feelings. I try to operate off of data,” Principal Gib Ostheimer said. “Reasonable dress codes are reasonable.

“We know that some clothing is distracting to some students, and if students are distracted they don’t do as well in school. You are young adults and things are just visually distracting. If your focus is on things other than learning, then you won’t do as well.

“I only care if one person is distracted because my job is to get everyone to have good grades and graduate.” Not everyone is happy with the dresscodes at TBHS, but maybe we can keep our distractions to a minimum.