

JUVENILE COURT SHELTER CARE CHILD/YOUTH DRESS ATTIRE AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

Appropriate dress attire is required for all children and youth attending Juvenile Court proceedings.

It is the responsibility of caregivers, (foster parents, group home, FFA and hospital staff), to assure that children and youth transported to court by the Court Transportation Unit and supervised in Court Shelter Care are properly attired. Children should be clean and neatly attired for court appearances.

To assist in your child's/youth's court appearance, the following guidelines and examples are provided of ***unacceptable clothing*** for court proceedings.

- **Revealing and provocative clothing.** Clothing showing stomachs, backs, chests, bra straps, underwear or other revealing parts of the body. Clothing worn reversed (inside out) is not to be worn to court.
Examples: Mini-skirts, short- shorts, tank, halter and tube tops, spaghetti straps, oversized (sagging) pants, cut-off shorts, sheer tops and low-cut tops.
- Hats, scarves, bandanas and other hair cover-ups, unless there are medical or other circumstances. Special circumstances will be verified with the caregiver.
- Commonly recognized **gang affiliated attire.** (Gang recognized colors - blue, red, purple, etc., hats, bandanas, metal belt buckles with initials, "house slippers" etc).
- Large chain linked wallet chains.
- Dark non-prescribed sunglasses.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Items are subject to being confiscated by the Sheriff's Department and/or Departmental Supervisors/Managers as appropriate.

- Backpacks and duffel bags are not allowed in Court Shelter Care due to security issues and limited storage space.
- Pagers, cellular telephones, iPods, iPads, walk-mans, CD players and hand-held video games or other electronic devices are not to be brought to court.
- Cigarettes, matches/lighters, illegal drugs (including medical marijuana), drug paraphernalia (e.g., smoke pipes), guns, knives or other items that can be construed as weapons and/or other contraband.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If a child has homework that they want to complete while waiting at court or materials that they want to share at court, please have them to place it in a folder.
- Children wearing diapers cannot be accommodated by Court Transportation and Shelter Care.

If you have questions regarding this information or other Court Transportation Unit and Shelter Care questions, please contact Court Shelter Care at (323) 526-6773.