

Dress Code Changes

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Perry High School has recently added new guidelines to the student handbook regarding the dress code and students are not happy. Jillian Roberts, a sophomore at Perry, says the crackdown on the rules “changed what I was gonna wear today.” Last week, she was given a shirt to wear instead of her own shirt that was considered inappropriate. The shirt in question was a light green t-shirt with a raw hem that showed less than an inch of her stomach when she raised her arms. When the same administrator saw Roberts later during her lunch, he questioned why she wasn't wearing the shirt she was given. Roberts said she was worried about being seen again the rest of the day and avoided that administrator. “I made sure to wear a (tank top) under this shirt because I didn't want to get in trouble again.” Sadie Charielle, a sophomore at Perry, was also dress coded last week. “The dress code is the dumbest thing I've ever heard,” she says. “The shoulder strap rule is dumb and they literally only have rules against the girls” Jayce Batalion, a freshman at Perry, agrees and thinks the dress code is biased against girls. When asked about his own experience with it, he says, “Last week I wore a ‘Virginity Rocks’ shirt, and then me and my friend had these shirts that said ‘I love being a black woman’ and they didn't dress code us but this other girl wore a t- shirt and sweatpants, and they dress-coded her for some reason.” Jayce and his friend could have been considered to be breaking the dress code, as their shirts arguably contained “political statements,” but they were never approached about it. Most students would agree that the dress code rules are targeted against girls, and they are harshly enforced on them.