



## STUDENT DRESS CODE

The purpose of the Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress grooming. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times.

The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student. Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. A student who is dressed appropriately is demonstrating a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by the principal or designee. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board Policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.

For schools with a uniform policy, refer to the school's student handbook for additional dress code information regarding specific school standards.

1. Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
2. Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing.
3. Pants with holes, tears, etc. may not be worn, if the principal's judgment, that may cause a disruption to the school environment. **Students may not wear pants with holes with exposed.**
4. Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accord with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length shall extend beyond the waist level.
5. Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner are prohibited.
6. Transparent or see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited, halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited.
7. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could likely cause injury such as chains, bracelets, rings, chokers with or without Spikes, or studs-are prohibited. Wallet chains of any length are prohibited.
8. Shoes shall be worn at all times. No slippers.
9. Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other illegal Activity are prohibited.
10. Apparel or symbols which may be gang-related may not be displayed on a student's person or in the student's possession.
11. Gang-related tattoos, or other tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment as determined by the principal, are prohibited.
12. Adornment that, in the principal's judgment could cause injury are a safety risk or cause a disruption to the school environment may not be worn, examples of prohibited adornments include, but are not limited to, hoops or rings attached to the nose, eyebrow, cheeks or lips.
13. The wearing on campus of hats, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
14. Clothing with slogans or advertising which by its controversial or obscene nature disrupts the educational setting is Prohibited.
15. Hair coloring or style that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment, as determined by the Principal, is prohibited.
16. Long, oversized jerseys are prohibited.

Violations of Dress Code will result in the following corrective actions (1006.07, Florida Statutes)

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Verbal Warning and Parent Contact

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Loss of eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities (maximum of five days), parent conference.

3<sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Offenses: Level II (ISS up to 3 days, loss of eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities (maximum of 30 days), Verbal and written parent contract regarding consequences.