

STUDENT UNIFORM AND GROOMING 7.209

Appropriate dress is the primary responsibility of the student and his/her parent or guardian. In order to promote safety, personal hygiene, academic well-being, and moral development, students shall be expected to comply with reasonable requirements relating to dress, grooming and personal appearance. Students are expected to come to school dressed appropriately with proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness, grooming, and neatness of dress.

The following is the dress code for grades K-12 except students at Margaret K. Lewis, New Horizons Learning Center, and Tom P. Haney Technical Center.

The dress code policy applies from the time the student arrives on campus until the end of the school day and at all school activities during the school day. Exceptions may be made by the principal for field trips or other special activities:

Tops:

1. Polo/golf shirt with collar and buttons or
 2. Collared dress shirt with sleeves (no cap sleeves) (underarm must be covered) or turtlenecks, or in grades K-5 T-shirts - **all tops must be unaltered**
 3. School approved T-shirts (club, spirit, etc) - **unaltered**
- Maximum of 3 color (white and 2 colors to be determined by the School Advisory Committee - SAC)
 - Club and activity shirts not in school colors must be a nationally recognized school sponsored organization, i.e. Key Club, National Honor Society, etc.
 - Must be a solid school color except for school approved shirts
 - Small manufacturer's trade mark is acceptable
 - Must be appropriately fitted
 - Students may layer their tops; however, all visible tops must be in the designated Colors. Tops worn as undergarments must be in designated school colors.

Bottoms:

- Belts must be worn if the pants have belt loops
- Belts must be traditional and must be worn in loops and pants shall be unaltered
- Bottoms can be khaki, navy blue or blue jeans
- With site-based administrative approval bottoms can be black
- Bottoms must be appropriately fitted and seated at the waist
- Large pocket style shorts may be worn.
No hip huggers, no holes, and no overalls (6-12 only)
- No large pocket style pants, no bell bottoms, no baggy pants, no hip huggers, no holes, no carpenter pants and no overalls (6-12 only)
- No shorts, skirts or dresses shorter than five inches (5") above the knee caps as measured standing up, (K-5 students may wear jumpers)
- Dresses with sleeves (underarm must be covered) must be one of the school's chosen colors and a solid color
- Small manufacturer's trade mark and minimal embellishments are acceptable

Shoes:

- Closed toes and closed backs
- Sandals with back or back strap for grades K-5 only
- No bedroom shoes

Sweaters/Sweatshirts/Hoodies:

- Sweaters if school approved
 - Long-sleeved sweatshirts/hoodies must be one of the 3 approved colors (school logo not required)
 - Must be solid color (unless school approved spirit or club)
 - Must be appropriately fitted
- Note: School approved means clothing carries school logo and is in school colors.

Other:

- Scarves must be worn appropriately around the neck or shoulders (accessory item only; no bandanas)
- No head wear except sunglasses. Hats or other sun-protective wear to only be worn while students are outdoors during school hours (not during class changes); however, at all other times, the sun-protective items must be properly stored by the student in pockets, purse, locker or backpack
- No jewelry or accessory that may be used as weapons such as chains or spiked jewelry
- Jackets/Coats must have either buttons, zippers or snaps that are from top to bottom. Jackets can be any color. Jackets may be worn in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher.
- Students participating in extracurricular activities shall conform to the standards of this policy while attending classes during the regular school day. Cheerleaders may wear their uniforms when required for participation in school sanctioned activities. Athletes may wear the team jerseys on game days with appropriate uniform bottoms.
- No bedroom clothes.

Exceptions to wearing the uniform are permitted when:

- A student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, on regular meeting days;
- A student wears a costume, special clothing or dress attire necessary for participation in a school-sponsored or extracurricular activity provided the clothing complies with District policy.
- The wearing of a uniform violates a student's sincerely held religious belief. Students enrolled in special programs such as on-the-job vocational training, or participating in school activities which require additional standards of dress or grooming shall comply with such additional standards. When applicable, students shall be required to "dress out" and wear physical education uniforms prescribed by the school.
- Students whose school zone was changed by the school board will be allowed to wear the previous school's color as well as the present school's colors for the current school year.

Discipline for violating this policy shall be as follows:

- First and second offense consequences are: notification of parent or guardian; change of inappropriate attire;
- Consequences for subsequent offenses may include one or more of the following at the discretion of the principal:
 - A. notification of parent or guardian;
 - B. change of inappropriate attire;
 - C. one to three days of in-school or out- of-school suspension; or
 - D. three days after school detention, if available.
- The fourth and subsequent offenses are willful disobedience which will result in further disciplinary action, which may include out of school suspension or expulsion;
- Any absence resulting from a violation of the Student Dress Code will be considered an unexcused absence.

Prohibited Attire at all Schools

While on school grounds during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.

Any student who violates this specific policy of prohibited attire is subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- For a first offense, a student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal shall call the student's parent or guardian.
- For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days and the school principal shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.
- For a third or subsequent offense, a student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to §1003.01(5), Florida Statutes for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and the school principal shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Any interpretation of the dress code that is required of this policy shall be the responsibility of the principal of each school. The Superintendent is authorized to make the final decision regarding the interpretation, application and enforcement of this policy and to make certain that it is being uniformly applied and enforced at each of the schools within the District.

The Superintendent can add uniform requirements based upon the unique needs of the population served at a school.

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