

## STUDENT DRESS

Code **JICA-R** Issued **6/24**

All students who attend McCormick County School District are required to wear the clothing outlined in the Uniform Dress Code Policy.

The McCormick County School District Uniform Dress Code Policy is as follows:

Boys	Girls
Tops	Tops
Polo Shirts Button Down Shirts with Collars Sweaters Cardigans Sweatshirts T-Shirts with school logo or school sponsored organization logo	Polo Shirts Button Down Shirts with Collars Sweaters Cardigans Sweatshirts T-Shirts with school logo or school sponsored organization logo
<b><u>Solid Colors</u></b> Black, Red, White, Grey	<b><u>Solid Colors</u></b> Black, Red, White, Grey
<b>Please note: Hoodies are not allowed.</b>	<b>Please note: Hoodies are not allowed.</b>
Bottoms	Bottoms
Slacks Shorts Cargo pants/shorts Denim as long as it is not blue  <b><u>Solid Colors</u></b> Black, Gray, Khaki  (NO SWEATPANTS OR JOGGERS)	Slacks Shorts Skirts Dresses Jumpers Capri Pants/shorts Cargo pants/shorts Denim as long as it is not blue  <b><u>Solid Colors</u></b> Black, Gray, Khaki (NO LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS, SWEATPANTS OR JOGGERS)

- ❖ T-Shirts are not considered uniform attire unless they reflect a school club, group, sport, or other organization, contain the district logo, or the school mascot.
- ❖ Dress Down Days will be at the principals' discretion and will occur on designated Fridays or other dates as deemed appropriate by the school principal.

Students are prohibited from wearing:

- Clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories that present a reasonable threat or hazard to the safety of others in a school environment, e.g., sharp jewelry, some chains, etc.
- Clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories that have slogans, comments, or designs that are obscene, lewd, or vulgar; are directed towards, or intended to harm, harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean individual groups or individuals based on race, religion, sex, color, disability, or national origin.
- Clothing, jewelry, and/or accessories that contain advertisements, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or sexually suggestive pictures; gang, drug, weapon, or alcohol related; obscene, profane, promote hate, or are disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment.
- Ill-fitting clothing (i.e. clothing that is too tight or too loose, NO RIPS OR TEARS IN DENIM) or clothing that is worn in such a manner as to expose undergarments (i.e. boxer shorts, bras, underwear).
- Clothing that inappropriately bares or exposes private parts of a body, including but not limited to the stomach, areas above mid-thigh, buttocks, back and breasts (i.e. cut-off t-shirts, half shirts, midriff, tops with spaghetti straps, tube tops, see through or revealing tops)
- Sunglasses, except when prescribed by a physician for a specific, school-related need
- Sleepwear or lounge pants
- Hats: Students are not permitted to wear or display hats, caps, headbands, sweatbands, bandanas, do-rags, or any head coverings at school. If any of these items are worn to school, the student is to place the item in his/her locker or other designated area deemed appropriate by staff before going to class. Such attire should remain in the locker until after school. Failure to follow these instructions may result in the items being confiscated by a school employee.
- Combs and curlers: combs are not to be worn in the hair. Except barrette style combs. Hair curlers and picks are prohibited.
- Hoodies.

Additionally, clothing should be worn as designed. All pants must be worn at the natural waist. A belt must be worn with all slacks and jeans (with belt loops).

Shorts, skirts, or skorts are acceptable if they are modest in length. Outer garments that are worn over tights, leggings, and jeggings are to follow the same length expectations as shorts or skirts. Tailored pants or jeans are acceptable if they do not have holes above what is considered to be modest in length. “Modest in length” is defined as the tip of the longest finger with arms by sides, fingers fully extended; tip of the thumb with arms by sides, fingers fully extended; 3 inches above the knee; knee-length; mid-thigh.

Acceptable footwear is required to be worn at all times. No flip-flops, shower shoes, Crocs, athletic sandals/slides, or bedroom shoes. These items are prohibited to ensure safety.

Any attire/paraphernalia/symbol that signifies gang affiliation will not be allowed. Congregations of students wearing like colors may be perceived as gang-affiliated behavior, resulting in the request to discontinue the offensive behavior and/or dress.

Annually, schools will poll their faculty and parents/legal guardians to determine if the school wants to continue and/or adopt a student uniform program.

### **Financial Assistance Plan**

- Any parent/legal guardian who cannot afford uniforms may request financial assistance from the school. The individual must establish need with the principal, as the district does not expect the school to incur the parental responsibility of providing school clothing for students.
- The district will work with staff, the local school community, and business partners to identify resources for assisting families in the purchase of clothing required by the uniform dress policy.
- Each student will be provided with two school-issued t-shirts throughout the course of the school year.
- There will be a “Clothes Closet” opportunity available for gently used clothing to be donated.
- The school will maintain a list of community agencies, uniform retailers, organizations, and individuals willing to assist families in need of help to purchase uniforms.
- The School may ask the PTA or school volunteers to coordinate the effort to provide needed assistance.

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