

DISTRICT DRESS CODE

The Board's dress and grooming policy (5511) was developed to provide specific guidelines for students to follow and for staff to enforce regarding the dress or appearance of each student. Staff must ensure that a student's dress is not extreme to the point that it creates a disruption in the learning environment, is not offensive or vulgar to the point that it infringes on the rights of other students/staff, and does not represent a hazard to the student wearing the attire, other students, staff, or to school property. Student dress and standards of personal grooming should be in conformity with a studious atmosphere. SB 228 amended s.1006.07, F.S. to prohibit students, while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Specific penalties for violating this section of the Florida statute are incorporated into the student code of conduct.

The following represents a minimum dress standard for all students to follow:

Head

1. No hats, curlers, bandanas, or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are to be worn in the school building or hallways.
2. Extreme hairstyles, hair colors, or make-up that is disruptive or does not allow direct eye contact is prohibited.

Upper Garments

1. Garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to the build and stature of the student. The cut of sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments or be otherwise immodest.
2. Strapless garments are prohibited. Straps of permitted garments must be a minimum of 1 1/2 inches in width. (Tube tops and halter-tops are prohibited.)
3. Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited.

4. Excessively large or baggy clothes, which may conceal dangerous items or be a safety hazard, shall not be worn.
5. Upper garments must adequately cover the waistline and must not expose the midriff while the student is performing normal school-related activities (studying, retrieving books, raising hands, etc.).

Lower Garments

1. Pants shall conform to the build and stature of the student; shall be worn at the waist; and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length. Pants shall have no holes or rips.
2. Undergarments shall not be visible. (Sports bras are considered undergarments.)
3. Dresses and skirts must reach mid-thigh.
4. Shorts must have clearly discernible inseams of reasonable length and cover the buttocks. Short shorts are prohibited.
5. Garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to the build and stature of the student.

Footwear

1. Students in K-6 must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for recess and physical education. Students in grades 7-12 may wear footwear commonly considered as beachwear (for example, flip-flops, thongs, etc.) unless a course of instruction requires them to wear safe and appropriate footwear to protect the student from injury i.e. athletic shoes in physical education classes.

Accessories

1. Jewelry and accessories shall not convey messages that are crude; vulgar/profane; violent/death-oriented; gang related; sexually suggestive; and/or promoting alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.

2. Pierced jewelry shall be limited to the ear. Dog collars, tongue rings, wallet chains, large hair picks, chains that connect one part of the body to another, or other jewelry/accessories that pose a safety concern for the student or others shall be prohibited.
3. Clear plastic spacers or retainers may be worn in facial piercings. Band-aids cannot cover a piercing.

Symbols or Clothing Showing Membership/Affiliation with a Gang

1. Any clothing, accessories, symbols, or regalia that convey membership or affiliation with a “gang” or other similarly oriented group or association prone to violence or criminal acts is prohibited.
2. Prohibited gang clothing, accessories, or regalia can include, but is not limited to, gang related colors, rolled up bandanas about the head or other parts of the body, knit caps, rolled up or split pant cuffs, certain sports attire that has a “street meaning”, etc.

Other

1. Beachwear and see-through or otherwise revealing apparel is not considered appropriate.
2. Students are not permitted to wear clothing which contains vulgar, sexually explicit, or oriented wording/scenes, promotes tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drug use, or contains printed profanity as defined in Policy 5500.