SARASOTA County Schools

2026-2027

DRESS CODE GUIDE

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as *minimum standards* and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Minimum standard of dress code is expected. The principal's decision or principal designees on the appropriateness of dress will be final. *Please check with your school for all additional dress code guidelines*. **Principal or principal designee decisions are final**.

SKIRTS, DRESSES & SHORTS



- Must be worn above the hips
- Rips are only allowed below the mid-thigh

NO excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at any time expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner

SHIRTS & TOPS



- Strap width must be a minimum of 1-inch
- Gap below armpit must not be larger than 3-inches
- Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally



NO low-cut tops

NO see-through clothing

JEANS, PANTS, LEGGINGS & EXPOSED UNDERGARMENTS



- Rips are only allowed below the mid-thigh



NO exposed undergarments

NO pajamas or slippers

Students are not to wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990 or as outlined or provided by Chapter 874, Florida Statutes. Students are also not to wear items that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination. Students are not to wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990 or as outlined or provided by Chapter 874, Florida Statutes. Students are also not wear items that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination in violation of section 300.3 and applicable school board policy.

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The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Schools are encouraged to obtain input from school stakeholders, including School Advisory Councils, parents, staff, and students as they establish a school dress code policy.

The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without a disruption to the school or classroom environment.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Comply with the school dress code.
- Wear their current/valid student ID (visible at all times).
- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
- **At all times, no:**
  - **x** Exposed undergarments
  - **x** Jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
  - **x** Jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
  - **x** Excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at any time expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
  - **x** Pajamas or slippers
  - **x** Excessively low-cut tops
  - **x** See-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above)
  - **x** Clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
- Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
- Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)
- Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
- Not wear items that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination in violation of section 300.3 and applicable school board policy.