

Dress Code for School Year 2017-2018

General Rules

The following regulations regarding student dress generally apply to all District schools, in addition to the more specific requirements of the Dress Code Policy below:

Though an individual's dress and adornment/appearance is a matter of personal preference and choice, certain styles of dress/appearance are not appropriate in school for the health, safety, welfare of students and staff. Students will be required to change inappropriate clothing or appearance or be sent home to do so and return. For this reason, the following guidelines are established:

- a) Wear clothes that are not revealing or suggestive, such as see through blouses, halter tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, cutoffs.
- b) Wear clothing, jewelry, and other accessories which do not promote, encourage, or depict any form of drugs (including alcohol), obscene, lewd or vulgar language or action, or promote any illegal activity.
- c) Wear pants which are secure around the waist. Pants may not be "distressed" (e.g. have rips or holes).
- d) Wear clothing which cannot potentially cause harm to another person, damage to property, or create an unsafe environment.
- e) Wear shorts and skirts, the hem of which must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- f) Outdoor clothing or accessories such as coats, hats, bandanas, gloves, picks and the like may not be worn inside the school building. Outerwear must be placed in lockers and is not permitted to be worn during the school day. Hoodies may be worn during the school day, however the hoods must remain down the entire time students are attending school.
- g) Students must wear shoes or footwear appropriate for the school setting. Hard-soled shoes, including sneakers, are appropriate. Students may not wear open-toed shoes, slippers, high-heels, sandals or flip-flops to school.

The administration may impose additional limitations on dress and/or appearance if the attire or appearance causes a disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health or safety hazard.

Grades K-8 Dress Code:

- a) **Pants or shorts** in District-approved solid colors which must be "dress" or "docked" in style and be worn or belted at the waist. The hem of the shorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- b) **Shirts** must be oxford, buttoned polo or turtleneck style with sleeves (short or long) and collar and must be in any solid color (e.g. no patterns, words, pictures, etc.). Shirts must be tucked into pants at all times.
- c) **Skirts, skorts or jumpers**, in solid colors and worn or belted at the waist. The hem of the skirts, skorts and jumpers must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- d) **Optional:** sweaters (v-neck or cardigan), blazer, suit jacket or vest, to be worn over shirt, in any solid color.

High School (Grades 9-12) Dress Code:

- a) **Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts**, in any solid color (e.g. no patterns, words or pictures, etc.), including denim or "jeans," which must be worn or belted at the waist. The hem of the shorts, skirts or skorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- b) **Shirts** must be in any **solid** color (e.g. no patterns, words, pictures, etc.). Shirts must be tucked into the pants/skirts at all times, provided, however, students may wear shirts or jerseys with the official or approved name or logo of the home school to which they are assigned, including athletic jerseys and club gear.
- c) Specific dress requirements may be assigned to students participating in technical labs or other classes or activities that necessitate the wearing of specific clothing in order to maintain the health and safety of that student and others. These class or activity-specific rules will be established by the Building Administrator or classroom teacher and will be delineated in the class, lab or activity syllabus. Failure of a student to abide by these health and safety dress requirements may result in the student's removal from that class, lab or activity.

Exceptions:

- a) Exceptions to both the K-8 and High School mandatory dress codes will be made on a case by case basis in order to accommodate bona fide religious beliefs and special health conditions.
- b) The wearing of official and approved school club, school organization or school theme uniforms shall not be considered a violation of the
- c) Mandatory Dress Code policy. School principals or building administrators at each school shall have the discretion to designate "School Spirit Days." School Spirit Days could include, but are not limited to, non-uniform days, hat days, colorful sock days, special theme days, etc.