

Dress Code for School Year 2015-2016

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.
- 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.
- g) Students must wear shoes or footwear appropriate for the school setting.

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.

District-Approved Colors:

- a) **For shirts, sweaters, blazers, suit jackets or vests:** white/off-white, black, navy blue/light blue, gold/yellow, burgundy, red, khaki, green/hunter green, purple or gray*.
- b) **For pants, shorts, skorts, skirts or jumpers:** black, navy blue, khaki, beige, gold, gray or red*.

** For Collegiate Academy students, please refer to the dress code available from the school.*

Boys shall wear:

- 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 in District-approved solid colors. Shirts must be tucked into the pants at all times.
- c) **Optional:** sweaters (v-neck or cardigan), blazer, suit jacket or vest, to be worn over shirt, in District-approved solid colors.

Girls shall wear:

- a) **Pants, shorts or skorts** in District-approved solid colors, which must be "dress" or "docked" in style and be worn or belted at the waist, or skirts or jumpers, in District-approved solid colors and worn or belted at the waist. The hem of the shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers 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 in District-approved solid colors. Shirts must be tucked into the pants at all times.
- c) **Optional:** sweaters (v-neck or cardigan), blazer, suit jacket or vest, to be worn over shirt, in District-approved solid colors.

Exceptions:

- a) Exceptions to the mandatory dress code 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 approved school club, school organization or school theme uniforms and/or colors shall not be considered a violation of the Mandatory Dress Code policy.
- c) 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.