

## DRESS CODE



Policy: **5511**, *Code of Student Conduct - Dress Code*

The manner in which you dress can have a positive impact on you and your school. If you respect yourself and others and dress appropriately for school, you will help to make the school a safe and orderly place to learn.

### School Uniforms

You are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity **during** the school day.

**Girls:** The basic uniform for girls is a long or short-sleeved, collared blouse or polo shirt with skirt, pants, walking shorts, jumpers, or skorts. Dresses may be worn with short or long sleeves.

**Boys:** The basic uniform for boys is a long or short-sleeved, collared shirt, such as a polo, sport shirt, or dress shirt, with pants or walking shorts

Clothing must be of the appropriate size for you, not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. You may not wear baggy/saggy pants.

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover the midriff, back, and sides of the body at all times; should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments showing; and may have a small manufacturer's logo.

Shorts/skirts/jumpers/skorts/dresses shall be worn no shorter than "mid thigh." Mid thigh is determined by extending the arms to the sides of the body and finding the tip of the longest finger (using normal posture).

In addition to the above basic uniform, the principal may designate:

1. Collared shirts with a school logo;
2. School-sponsored T-shirts with a crew neck; and
3. More restrictive dress code requirements, if approved by the school's School Advisory Council (SAC).

Each school will provide students/parents with a copy of the school's dress code.

### Exceptions

If you enter the Alachua County Public School system after the start of the school year, you will have a grace period of ten (10) school days before being required to wear the school uniform.

You may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored activity, as permitted by the principal.

If you are enrolled in a career academy, you may wear the uniform of that program.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the school uniform policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief.

### Shoes

Shoes worn by students must be safe and appropriate. You may not wear bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels. A manufacturer's logo/image is acceptable.

## Outer Garments

You may wear coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, or other appropriate outer garments when necessary due to weather conditions or for other legitimate reasons. The outer garments must be of the appropriate size for you and shall not be overly baggy or violate any other provisions of the dress code.

## You may not wear

- A. Clothing that is not properly fastened;
- B. Clothing or hair style that disrupt the orderly learning environment;
- C. Clothing that is torn, has holes, or pants that are frayed;
- D. Athletic shorts, cut-off pants, jeggings, short-shorts, or running shorts;
- E. Clothing that exposes body parts in an indecent and vulgar manner;
- F. Clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace;
- G. Clothing that is form fitting, leotard or spandex, unless proper outer garments are worn over top of it;
- H. Sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;
- I. Outer garments or accessories (such as backpacks, jewelry, and purses) which have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:
  - promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior or
  - denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.A manufacturer's logo/image is acceptable;
- J. Hats, bandannas, sweat bands, headgear, or other head coverings inside the school building, except when approved by the principal/designee;
- K. Body piercing jewelry, except for earrings on the ears. All other body piercing jewelry must be removed or concealed;
- L. Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons, such as chains, spiked jewelry or arm bands;
- M. Combs, curlers, or hair picks; or
- N. Sunglasses inside the school building.

## General Dress Code Requirements

This general dress code applies to students who are exempt from the uniform requirement **and** to all students while attending school-sponsored activities **after** the regular school day.

You may not:

- A. wear clothes and accessories that are dangerous to ones health or safety or are distracting or disruptive to the orderly learning environment;

- B. dress in a way that reveals private body area(s) or undergarments in an indecent or vulgar manner; or
- C. wear clothing or accessories that have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:
  - promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior; or
  - denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.

The principal or designee has the authority to decide if your clothing complies with Board policy.

### **Violations of the Dress Code**

If the principal determines that your clothing does not comply with Board policy, your parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school for you, or you may be asked to leave an after-school activity. You may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy. Repeated violations may result in progressively more serious consequences.

If you wear clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment, the school will take the following actions:

#### For the first offense:

- You will receive a verbal warning; and
- Your parent or guardian will be called.

#### For the second offense:

- You will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activity for up to five (5) days; and
- The principal will meet with your parent or guardian.

#### For the third or subsequent offense:

- You will be sent to in-school suspension for up to three (3) days;
- You will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activity for up to thirty (30) days; and
- The principal will call and send a letter to your parent or guardian about your in-school suspension and exclusion from extracurricular activities.

You may appeal the principal's decision through the Student Grievance Procedure.

You will not be denied attendance at school or be otherwise penalized for failing to wear clothing that complies with the school uniform, if such failure is due to financial hardship. Your parent/guardian should notify the principal if assistance is needed.