

This dress code applies to all schools except:
Rawlings Elementary: call 955-6715 for details on their code.
Williams Elementary: [click here](#) to view details.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT - DRESS CODE

You are expected to dress for school and school activities in a way that contributes to your health and safety, promotes a positive school learning environment and does not disrupt the events and activities of the school.

General Dress Code Requirements

This general dress code applies to all students at school and to all students while attending school-sponsored activities *after* the regular school day.

- A. Clothing must be 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.
- B. Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times and should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.
- C. 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).
- D. In addition to the above basic uniform, the principal may designate more restrictive dress code requirements, if approved by the school's SAC.

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

Exceptions

- A. You may wear special clothing necessary for a school-sponsored activity, as permitted by the principal.
- B. If you are enrolled in a career academy, you may wear the uniform of that program.
- C. The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the dress code policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief.
- D. Shoes must be safe and appropriate. You may not wear bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels. Elementary students only, must wear shoes that are closed-toed and closed-heel and/or athletic shoes; you may not wear platforms, sandals, flip flops, crocs or jellies.
- E. 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.

Prohibitions

You may not wear:

- A. Clothing that is not properly fastened;
- B. Clothing, hair styles, piercings, jewelry, or accessories that are dangerous to the health and safety of yourself or others, or are distracting or disruptive to the orderly learning environment;
- C. Clothing that exposes undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner;
- D. Clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace;
- E. Clothing that is form fitting, unless proper outer garments are worn over top of it;
- F. Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;
- G. Clothing, including outer garments or accessories (such as backpacks, jewelry, and purses) which have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:
 - 1. promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior or
 - 2. 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.
- H. Hats, bandannas, sweat bands, headgear, or other head coverings, inside the school building, except when approved by the principal/designee;
- I. Combs, curlers, or hair picks; or
- J. Sunglasses inside the school building.

You may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours.

Discipline

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

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, 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.

You may appeal the principal's decision through the Student Grievance Procedure in Policy 5710, *Student Grievances*.



Joseph Williams Elementary School

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July 18, 2018

Dear Parents,

A letter was sent home with students in May informing them of the decision to require all Williams's students to wear uniforms during the 2018 – 2019 school year. Although transitions in leadership have been made we will honor the vote of the SAC, PTA, teachers, and parents and will proceed with this implementation. We have amended the policy to include any solid color polo shirt. The reasons listed for the implementation of uniforms included:

- Increase school safety and deter negative behaviors.
- Enhancing school pride, unity, and community spirit.
- Direct focus away from fashion.
- Prepare students for life where appropriate professional dress is required.

Acceptable uniform items for boys and girls are listed below. Please use these guidelines when purchasing uniform items for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

- **PLAIN Polo style shirts, long-sleeve or short, in ANY COLOR.**
- **School spirit shirt (Williams Elementary T-shirt).**
- **Khaki or denim shorts and pants. Denim shorts and pants should be free from all holes, embellishments, cuts, or frays.**
- **Girls may wear khaki or denim skirts and skorts.**
- **Belts must be worn for any pants, shorts, skirts not fitted at the waist. Undergarments should not be seen at any time.**

Uniforms are to be worn **EVERYDAY**. Violation of the uniform policy is a violation of the Alachua County Schools Code of Student Conduct.

We will have Williams school spirit T-shirts available for purchase at Meet the Teacher on Friday, August 10th 12:00 – 1:30.

Thank you in advance for your support of our new uniform policy. If you have questions, please contact me or Dr. Beland. If you are unsure if an items is acceptable within the policy please contact the school before purchase.

Sincerely,

Anyana Stokes

Principal