

Dress Code

2016 - 2017

The Cobb County School District recognizes that the dress and grooming of students both individually and collectively are significant factors in the successful operations of our educational program. We believe that one of the educational responsibilities of the school is to help make students aware that appropriate appearances and hygiene are conducive to the wellbeing of themselves and others.

Each student is expected to maintain a standard of dress and grooming that is consistent with the level of formality of the school situation. We seek the assistance of parents in monitoring their child(ren)'s clothing and hygiene to ensure that it is appropriate for the classroom.

Clothing which is distracting, disruptive, or creates an unsafe situation may not be worn to school. If a child is not appropriately dressed, a parent may be contacted. The dress code applies to all school functions.

These minimum standards should help define appropriate school dress:

- No midriffs/chests/shoulders should show, eliminating spaghetti strapped, tank, or halter tops. Ask your child to reach above his/her head; if the midriff shows, change clothing. Shirts and blouses should be long enough to be tucked in and stay tucked in when arms are raised. Shirts must be at least 3 fingers wide at the shoulder to be an appropriate width. Boys t-shirts need to have sleeves.
- Appropriate undergarments are required and should not be visible.
- Your child's extended fingertips at his or her side should touch the hem edge of shorts and skirt/dress with room enough to comfortably bend over, sit, and walk. Short shorts and cutoffs are not permitted.
- Shirts/Blouses and dresses must not be see-through, excessively tight, reveal the midriff, or be low cut in the front, back or sides.
- All pants will be worn at the waist and must not reveal underpants or gym shorts; no sagging pants.
- No pajama pants or house slippers.
- Leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants may be worn **only** if covered by shirts, shorts, or skirts that are at least fingertip length when child's hand is extended. A jacket, sweatshirt, etc. tied around the waist does not qualify as an appropriate covering.
- Clothing may not contain holes and/or fringes above the minimum accepted fingertip length.
- No headgear (hats, stocking caps, do-rags, bandanas, forehead bands and hoods) is to be worn inside the building unless there is a special activity which has been approved by administration.
- Students may not wear clothing that displays or advertises obscene slogans or signs, profanity, weapons and/or acts of violence, or any substance illegal for minors (such as beer, tobacco, etc.).
- Clothing or ornamentation advocating, promoting, or suggesting illegal activity (including gang activity) is prohibited.

*The preceding dress code list is **not inclusive**.* We reserve the right to determine whether or not clothing is appropriate for school. The principal or his/her designee shall be the final judge as to the appropriateness, neatness, and cleanliness of the apparel and whether it is in violation of the dress code.

Enforcement Guidelines for Dress Code

- First offense – Warning
- Second offense – Written Detention
- Third offense – Progressive discipline (ISS)