

Dress Code

All students of the Cobb County School System shall be required to maintain the level of personal hygiene necessary to ensure a healthful school environment and to refrain from any mode of dress that proves to contribute to any disruption of school functions. All students of the Cobb County School System are encouraged to observe a standard of grooming and dress consistent with the level of formality of the school situation.

Administrators and teachers shall enforce the dress code policy, and the administration shall be the final judge as to the appropriateness, neatness, and cleanliness of the wearing apparel, or whether or not the apparel is disruptive, distracting, or in violation of the dress code.

Kennesaw Mountain expects student dress to be reflective of an orderly learning environment. The KMHS dress code includes the following *minimum standards*:

1. Students must wear shoes, (no bedroom slippers allowed).
2. Students must wear appropriate undergarments.
3. Students may not wear sheer or see-through garments.
4. Clothing may not contain noticeable holes, slits, shredding or patches above the knees.
5. Students may not wear tank tops, tops with plunging neck lines, or low-cut garments. Each shoulder strap on tops must be no less than 2 inches wide (not 2 fingers).
6. Students must wear jackets over sundresses and strapless garments.
7. Shirts that are not tucked in must reach the student's pants/skirt waistband when the student's arms are down. Midriff shirts and blouses should not be worn.
8. Jeans and slacks must be worn appropriately. **All undergarments, including boxer shorts, should not be visible.**
9. Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be no more than 6" above the knee. Leggings will not compensate for apparel that does not meet the 6" requirement.
10. Although shorts may be worn up to 6 inches above the knee, these types of shorts **may not be worn at all: boxer-type shorts, cut-off sweat pants, and spandex shorts.** Loose fitting pants should not expose underwear.

11. Stretch pants are allowed only under a shirt or top that comes within 6 inches of the knee. No spandex or flannel pajamas are permitted.
12. **Students are not to wear caps, hats, bandannas, “sweat bands”, or other head coverings during the school day. When students arrive at school, they should put these items in their lockers and take them out only when leaving the campus. Students who wear or carry hats during the school day will have them taken.** From time to time, the administration may allow special exceptions to this rule. These exceptions will be announced ahead of time for specific activities, such as during a school spirit day.
13. Clothing, jewelry, dress or other ornamentation is not allowed if it is considered by the administration to be inappropriate or suggestive, advertise products or activities illegal for minors, or otherwise be a cause of dissension in our school setting. Potentially dangerous items include spiked bracelets, pant chains, and dog choke collars.
14. **Note:** Style and material may make some garments inappropriate regardless of length. **A school administrator will be the final authority on such matters.**
15. Students will not be allowed to attend class improperly dressed. If the violation cannot be immediately corrected, the student will spend the day in the ISS room working on assignments.

Dress Code Violation

1st Offense - Warning **and** student is allowed to return to class if the violation can be immediately corrected. If not, student is placed in In-School Suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day.

2nd Offense - Saturday School **and** student is allowed to return to class if the violation can be immediately corrected. If not, student is placed in ISS for the remainder of the day.

3rd Offense - Student is immediately assigned to (ISS) for one entire day of classes, plus two additional days of ISS.