

Greeting Parents,

Thanks everyone that participated in the survey. My final decision, based on the feedback (nearly 70% of parents not in favor of uniforms) and personal reflection, is to follow the CCSD dress code for students (JCDB-R); no longer enforcing the local school policy that has been in place. I know this will create anxiety and disappointment for some; however, please know that clothing does not build positive school culture/climate, people do! Please note, Tapp will still have a dress code policy (see below) but not a uniform policy. This is **not** an invitation to “wear what you want”. However, it is an opportunity to align to our feeder schools, create an environment more suitable for today’s student, and welcome student voice and expression. Below is our **NEW** dress code policy that will be **strictly** enforced beginning August 1, 2019. Also, below is our policy for dress code violations. Lastly, if you would like, your child can still wear a uniform because it meets the dress code requirements.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT: Administrators and teachers shall enforce the dress code rule, and the principal or designee shall be the final judge as to the appropriateness, neatness and cleanliness of the wearing apparel, or whether or not apparel is disruptive, unsafe, or in violation of the dress code. **Please note, administrators will always have the final say of what’s appropriate.**

All students shall maintain the following standard dress:

1. Appropriate shoes shall be worn. **No house shoes or bedtime slippers will be allowed. Tennis shoes need to be worn for PE classes.**
2. Midriffs shall be covered. **Shirts should always be the appropriate length and at no point should we see a student’s stomach/belly.**
3. Appropriate under-garments shall be worn and may not be visible. **No “sagging” pants/shorts and a belt should be worn at the appropriate times.**
4. **No strapless garments, tank-tops, or revealing shirts will be allowed, even with a jacket or coverup.**
5. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be **no shorter than three inches above the knee.**
6. **No leggings, jeggings, or skin-tight pants/shorts.**
7. Distressed jeans/pants are allowed. **Holes, tears, or rips that expose skin are allowed if they are below the knee. If the holes, tears, or rips are above the knee they must have something under them, and skin should not be seen.**
8. No caps, hats, bandanas nor hoods covering the head are to be worn in the school buildings during the school day unless there is a special activity during which they are deemed appropriate by the school administration.
9. Clothing or ornamentation that does any of the following is prohibited:
 - a. Displays or advertises substances illegal for minors.
 - b. Displays suggestive phrases, designs, markings, or profanities.
 - c. Advocates, promotes, or suggests illegal activity.

Enforcement Policy:

If a student is in violation of the above policy, the student will be sent to ISS to correct the dress code violation. If the student cannot correct the violation, then they will remain in ISS for the rest of the day.

The ISS instructor will document the dress code violation and follow the progressive discipline steps outlined below:

1st violation- warning, allowed to correct and return to class

2nd violation- referral, student will remain in ISS even if they can correct the dress code violation

3rd violation- referral, considered insubordination, student will remain in ISS plus he/she will be assigned an additional day

4th violation- referral, considered insubordination, two days of OSS will be assigned

5th+ violation- referral, parent conference and other consequences as deemed appropriate by an administrator