

Regulation JCDB-R(2): Student Dress Code - Middle School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The Douglas County School District dress code requires students to dress "in a manner that is conducive to a good learning environment."

In the selection of school dress, parents and students should exercise good taste and good judgment. Many "fads" in dress are not appropriate for school. Therefore, student dress should reflect neatness, cleanliness and should not distract or cause disruption in the educational process of school.

The school administration reserves the right to determine if a student's dress and personal appearance are too casual, too revealing, or too distracting from the learning environment to be considered appropriate for school. The health and safety of all students will be taken into consideration when making decisions regarding appropriate/inappropriate attire.

APPROVED FOR SCHOOL WEAR:

Pants

Pants that are size appropriate and worn at the waist.

Shorts that are size and length appropriate, worn at the waist, and are not more than three inches from the top of the knee are appropriate.

Skirts and dresses

Skirts must be worn at waistline, hemmed and no more than three inches from the top of the knee. Dresses must have sleeves and be no more than three inches from the top of the knee. Slits in dresses or skirts must be no more than three inches from the top of the knee. Skirts over leggings must meet the three inch rule.

Shirts and blouses

Long or short sleeved, dress shirt, T-shirt, polo type shirt, sweaters and sweatshirts which are size appropriate. Shirttails must be below the belt line even with arms raised above the head or when the student is seated.

Shoes

All students must wear appropriate shoes at all times.

Undergarments

Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. Undergarments of any type must not be exposed.

Accessories

Belts are optional and, if worn, are to be proper length. Belts may be required for students having difficulty with wearing pants at the waist.

NOT APPROVED FOR SCHOOL WEAR:

- Pants that touch the ground or floor;
- Wide legged pants, skin-tight pants; form-fitting clothing; Holes above the knee;
- See-through clothing;
- Sleeveless shirts, dresses, halter tops, tank tops and spaghetti straps;
- Deep-scooped necklines;
- Clothing that shows the bare midriff, bare back or the bare shoulders;
- Rubber and/or metal cleats, bare feet; pajamas, bedroom shoes, or other sleepwear;
- Articles of clothing which advertise or display the symbols of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages;
- Clothing which displays or implies profane, vulgar, obscene or racially offensive language, symbols or sexual innuendo;
- Emblems, insignias, writing, graphics, pictures, badges, tattoos or other symbols where the effect thereof is to

unreasonably attract the attention or cause disruption of a class or disruption or interference with the operation of the school;

- Hats, sunglasses and caps, visors, head or wrist bands, skull caps, do rags, and bandanas etc. (All hats and caps shall be properly stored during the school day).
- Large coats and hoods may not be worn in the school building. (Hoods on sweatshirts must not be pulled up on head);
- Chains hanging from wallets or clothing; dog collars or electronic belt buckles.
- Display or wearing of any gang articles, paraphernalia or clothing that can be construed as being gang related (e.g., bandanas, sweat bands, head rags, T-shirts, jerseys, jackets, etc.);
- Jewelry that is offensive; distracts or is studded or pointed, including “grills” and heavy chains;
- Any hairstyle or coloring and body piercings which cause a distraction or disturbance to the learning environment;
- Clothing worn in a manner inconsistent with the intended design (ex.: exposure of clothing designed and sold as undergarments, rolled up pants legs, bandanas used as belts, etc.).
- Shoes with any type of wheels or other rolling apparatus.

Exceptions:

- Uniforms for school related activities are acceptable if approved by school administrators. Female cheerleaders must wear warm-ups under cheerleading uniforms except during games and pep rallies.
- School administrators may alter the dress code for special occasions or extracurricular activities.
- Parents of students who require an exemption from the dress code for religious, cultural, or short-term medical reasons may make application to the principal.

Consequences for failure to comply:

The administration will determine consequences. These may include dress modification, parent notification, counseling or In School Suspension. Refusal to comply with the dress code, repeated offenses, or violations of severe nature may result in a higher degree of discipline.

The Student Handbook shall serve as first notice of Dress Code Policy. The school administration may require more restrictive requirements in their local school dress code, with reasonable notification.
