

RULES OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final as long as it does not contradict official district policy listed herein or elsewhere.



In order to promote an orderly learning environment in our schools while preparing all students for later success in the world of work, the District School Board of Pasco County has established the following guidelines for student dress:

- The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy and guidelines contained herein.
- These guidelines are in effect **while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored transportation.**
- **Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to approximately midthigh. Tops must have straps at least 1" across. Undergarments must not be viewable.**
- Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment. Students that wear the same may be subject to discipline in accordance to the Student Code of Conduct.

- Jeans or pants with rips or holes that expose undergarments, areas of the body that would generally be covered by undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
 - Wallet chains, dog collars or similar items
 - Slippers or similar footwear
 - Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, spirit week, etc.)
 - Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, tights or similar clothing (unless covered by a shirt down to midthigh)
 - Jewelry that may cause safety issues and/or substantially disrupt the school setting
 - Hats, bandanas or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)
- Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which may or does:
- Substantially disrupt the school setting
 - Be offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum
 - Expose underwear, body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner and/or abdomen skin
- Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which contain or display:
- Profanity in any form
 - Violent images
 - Vulgarity in any form
 - Sexually suggestive words, phrases or images
 - Sexually implicit or explicit images
 - Advertisements or usage of tobacco, alcohol or drugs Gang-related images and/or images that signify gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation

Consequences	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
	Verbal warning and reminder of Dress Code policy. Call parent/guardian as needed	Ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time, 5 days or less	Up to 3 days of ISS, Ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time, 30 days or less.

Students in violation will be required to change into appropriate clothing and may receive a discipline referral for repeated offenses.



Examples of Dress Code Violations



Examples of Appropriate Dress Code

