

RULES OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE



Each district school board shall adopt a dress code policy that prohibits a student, while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. (F.S. 1006.07)

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. 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.

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.

- Students must wear opaque (not see through) clothing that has fabric in the front, back and on the sides of the body extending from under the arms to cover the entire chest, entire genital area, entire buttocks area, and must extend below the buttocks area, and shoes. Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms)
- Shirts must have sleeves or straps and extend to the waistband of pants/shorts/skirts/or other bottoms.
- Students may not have exposed undergarments, which would include any and all portions of a student's underwear or bra.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear, which would include shoes and sandals. All footwears must have a sole that affords traction and protection to the foot. Socks (when worn alone) and "house" or "bed" slippers are not permissible.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, career-technical education, science labs, and other activities where unique hazards exist
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear

Students in violation of dress code WILL BE REQUIRED to:

- Change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/guardian.
- Remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal or designee discretion
- May receive a discipline referral and consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the policy

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment:

- Any clothing that exposes underwear, body parts and/or skin in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Any clothing that substantially disrupts the school environment or causes safety concerns
- Any clothing that depicts profanity, drugs, violent images or vulgarity in any form
- Any clothing that depicts sexually implicit or explicit images
- Any clothing that depicts gang-related images, indicates gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation
- Wallet chains, spiked jewelry, dog collars or similar items
- Slippers or similar shoes
- Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, etc.)
- Hats, bandanas or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)

Violations of these provisions of the dress code are subject to the following consequences as defined by F.S. 100.6.07(2)(d1) and F.S. 1006.07(2)(d2):

Consequences

1 st Violation	2 nd Violation	3 rd Violation	4 th Violation	5 th Violation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student will be requested to fix the dress code issue. • The student shall be given a verbal warning • Will review the District Dress Code Policy • Will sign behavior agreement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student will be requested to fix the dress code issue. • Will receive a minor infraction. • Parent/Guardian phone call. • Will review the District Dress Code Policy and their behavior agreement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student will be requested to fix the dress code issue. • Receive a minor infraction. • Review the district Dress Code Policy and behavior agreement. • Parent/Guardian phone call. • Receive After School Detention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student will be requested to fix the dress code issue. • Receive a Discipline Referral. • Review District Dress Code Policy and behavior agreement. • Parent/Guardian phone call • Saturday Detention or After School Detention assigned (progressively). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student will be requested to fix the dress code issue. • Receive a Discipline Referral. • Review District Dress Code Policy and behavior agreement. • Parent/Guardian phone call. • May result in ISS or OSS.

REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH FACULTY/STAFF MAY RESULT IN ISS/OSS FOR DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY