‘Dress for Success’
Student Dress Code 2019-2020

At Cypress Palm students have a responsibility to ‘Dress for Success’ during the school day, at sponsored events and activities. The Collier County School Board voted unanimously on April 19, 2007 to allow Cypress Palm Middle School to open (August 2007) as a Standardized Enhanced Dress Code (SEDC) school. Each year the CPM’s SEDC is review by students, staff, administration and the CPM’s School Advisory Council (SAC) for approval. On April 2, 2015 the CPM SAC accepted the following ‘Dress for Success’ Student Dress Code for the 2018-2019 school year:

CPM’S ‘DRESS FOR SUCCESS’ STUDENT DRESS CODE GENERAL PARAMETERS:

**IDs:** CPM Student IDs, must be visibly worn at all times on a lanyard around the neck. Students must have their IDs to check out a laptop and library books, buy lunch, etc. Using or wearing another person’s ID or PRIDE Card is a form of Identity Theft and will be handled appropriately. ID’s are the property of CPM and altering them in any way is considered vandalism. Replacement IDs cost $5.00.

**TOPS:** Any color collared dress or Polo-style sport shirt/blouse (long or short sleeves) or any CPM school logo shirt/T-shirt/sweatshirt/apparel may always be worn. Logos on plain colored shirts must be no larger than a 2-inch square (a bit bigger than a half dollar). All shirts must have buttons and only the top button may be unbuttoned. Shirts must have sleeves to cover the shoulders. Shirts **must be between 1-3 inches** below the waist of pants. Shirts tucked in are optional.

**Not Acceptable CPM Dress Tops:** Shirts that are too short or too long are not permitted, according to CCPS code. Shirts may not be altered in any way, including, but not limited to being tied, cut, or ripped, etc. National Colors or Flags or with National Symbols.

**OUTERWEAR:** Jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, vests, pullovers, cover-ups, etc. should be worn only when weather is appropriate. Dress code shirts must be visible beneath the outerwear. Nothing offensive on outerwear is allowed: All outerwear is approved at the discretion of Administration.

**Not Acceptable CPM Dress Code Outerwear**
National Colors or Flags or with National Symbols

**BOTTOMS:** All bottoms must conform to the CCPS dress code policy. Bottoms must be of one solid color and not have holes, rips, tears or frayed areas. Bottoms are required to be cinched at the waist. Skirts may be worn but must be at least as long as the student’s fingers with their arms at their side. Shorts may be worn but must be dress shorts or jean shorts.

**Inappropriate bottoms in the CPM Dress Code:** No athletic/gym shorts, board shorts, sweat pants, jogging /track shorts, jeggings, spandex, yoga pants, Brazilian style pants are permitted. White, tight and/or see through bottoms are deemed inappropriate by Administration. Yoga and yoga-style pants are not permitted even on School Spirit/Dress Down days.
SHOES: Laced sneakers/gym shoes with socks, dress shoes with socks (closed/strap-back shoes required) and/or sandals (closed/strap-back required) can be worn. Socks, shoes, and shoe laces must be a matched pair. Shoes must have a back strap that holds the shoe in place (this includes Crock’s and sandals).

The wearing of flip flops, slides, and slippers are not permitted. Examples of not acceptable CPM Dress Code shoes:

HAIR AND BODY ADORNMENT: Hair may not be colored, tinted or altered to an unnatural hair color or distracting multicolors as determined by the Administration. Haircuts may not include carving designs and/or symbols into the hair style. Body adornment including but not limited to: piercing (other than ears), visible tattoos (permanent or temporary), stickers, stick-on jewelry, writing or drawing on skin (face, hands, arms, and legs) or signing shirts/other clothing or back packs is not permitted.

CLARIFYING ELEMENTS
- Clothing must not exceed one size larger or smaller than the actual body size.
- Any clothing that allows skin to show at the waist is not permitted.
- Any under shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Slacks/shorts and shirts must be of different colors (example-no blue pants with a blue shirt).
- Altered clothes and ill-fitting garments (no ripped, torn, holes, frayed edges in/on clothes, hanging/baggy pants, skin tight clothing, missing buttons, etc.) is not permitted.
- The CPM Physical Education uniform may only be worn in Physical Education class.
- The wearing of athletic/sweat material clothes (sweat pants, jogging pants, stretch material tops or bottoms, etc.) is not permitted except on School Spirit/Dress-Down days.
- Pajamas (top or bottoms) are not permitted.
- Accessories may not have inflammatory, suggestive, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.
- Religious articles must be worn appropriately.
- The wearing of gloves, hats, arm/wrist/leg/sweat bands, chains, bandanas, scarves, head covers and/or sunglasses etc. is not permitted.
- CPM Administration makes the final determination on whether a student’s dress conforms to either the CPM Enhanced Dress Code or the CCPS Dress Code.

CCPS Collier County Public Schools

Any dress issues not listed on this detailed Cypress Palm Middle School Standardized Enhanced Dress Code Policy will adhere to the dictates of the Collier County Public Schools Dress and Grooming Policy (CCPS Code of Conduct).

Students and parents need to be aware of the importance of good grooming and its effect upon the learning environment. Good taste is knowing where and when to wear the appropriate clothing and accessories. Since the home provides the funds, guidance, and upkeep of the student's clothing worn in school, it is the responsibility of the parent to see that grooming reflects the modesty and good taste expected in school. The following dress and grooming requirements are to be followed by all students as may be reasonably determined by the Principal (designee). Other requirements may be made to avoid disruption of the educational process.
1. Safe footwear shall be worn at all times. No rubber flip-flops or bedroom slippers shall be worn.
2. Halter-tops, tube tops, short shorts, muscle shirts, midriff or backless shirts and blouses shall not be worn. Shoulder coverings must be at least two inches in width. Tops must be three inches below the waistband or remain tucked in so that the midriff area is not exposed. No bare skin should be exposed at the waist or abdomen area. Clothing must cover the chest area to ensure that cleavage is not exposed (See examples).

3. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair color and style shall not interfere with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the Principal or designee.
4. Intentionally altered clothing or unbuttoned and ill-fitted garments are not acceptable. Ill-fitted garments include, but are not limited to, garments that are too small so as to reflect immodesty or too large so as to appear to be falling off the body. Transparent, mesh, or see-through clothing may not be worn without other appropriate clothing underneath.
5. Clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.
6. The wearing or display of flags on our campuses has historically and currently caused dissension, along with a potentially unsafe and hostile learning environment for our students. In an effort to provide safe schools and prevent potential disruption, the following flags are the only ones that may be displayed and/or worn on Collier County Public Schools campuses and at off campus school-related activities: (1) the United States and POW/MIA flags; (2) the State of Florida flag; and (3) official school flags. In addition, any related symbols may not be displayed or worn on campus and at off campus school-related activities. Exceptions to this rule may be made for national flags on special occasions or in designated areas consistent with the learning objectives of the district and at the discretion of the Principal.
7. Body adornment (i.e., adornments which pierce flesh) in any visible body part other than the ears shall not be displayed if such display presents a health or safety issue or if such adornment interferes with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the Principal or designee.
8. The length of skirts/dresses and shorts shall reflect modesty and good taste and be monitored by regulations enforced at each school. If a student’s fingertips touch skin when the arms are held straight at the sides, then the clothing item is too short and may not be worn.
9. Costumes, sleepwear, or other clothing/adornment that creates a distraction is not permitted.
10. Shorts/pants must be fitted or cinched so as not to slip.
11. Gang clothing, symbols, or other items associated with gangs may not be worn, displayed, or carried.

Disciplinary Action: Options include, but are not limited to: detentions, ISS/OSS, or expulsion. Students in violation of the dress code will be removed from class until the violation is corrected.

Dances / Socials
These activities are sponsored by various groups within the school. All dances, socials, and/or after school student activities must be approved by the principal/designee a minimum of two weeks in advance of the event.

Water bottles may be brought to school but only reusable ones, not plastic disposable ones as they make noise and disrupt classes.

Approval for building use must be obtained from the Administration. In order for extra activities to be provided, parents/guardians are needed to assist in supervision. All dances/parties/activities being held for the entire middle school student body, in addition to being approved, must have six (6) parent chaperones and four (4) teacher chaperones. Names of all chaperones must be submitted to the administration one-week prior to date of dance/party or activity before final approval will be granted. Sponsoring groups and chaperones are responsible for supervision of the activity.

Behavioral guidelines for events are as follows:
- Student permission slips/tickets will be required of all students.
- All school rules apply to dances/parties/after school activities.
- Student dress must be in accordance with CPM school rules and good taste.
- Student conduct must be in good taste.
- Chaperones will remove anyone who is not meeting behavior expectations. Students are subject to all school and CCPS Code of Conduct rules.
- Decorations are to be left for enjoyment for the duration of the activity - any student dismantling decorations may be asked to leave immediately.
- Students are not to leave the designated area and re-enter.
- If a student leaves before the end of an activity, they are to notify a chaperone and call their parents.
- Students must be picked up promptly from all dances/parties or after school activities.
- Students must be in attendance at school on the day of a dance/party/ activity to attend the event.
- Students asked to leave a dance or displaying inappropriate behavior will be subject to school consequences; detention, suspension, or
the loss of the privilege of dance/party/activity attendance.

- **All middle school activities are only for Cypress Palm Middle School students.** High school or elementary student (siblings) guests are not allowed at middle school dances/socials.