

# Student Dress Code

1. The following dress and grooming requirements are to be followed by all students. The Principal shall be the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building. Individual principals in consultation with their School Advisory Council (SAC) may make other requirements to avoid disruption of the educational process. The requirements listed in this *Code* are considered the minimal requirement for each school.
2. Safe footwear shall be worn at all times. No rubber flip-flops or bedroom slippers shall be worn.
3. 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. A complying shirt must be worn under a basketball jersey. 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 below*)



4. 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.
5. Hats or other head coverings shall not be worn in the school building except for approved areas identified by the Principal. Exceptions may be made by the Principal for head coverings worn for religious purposes.
6. 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.
7. Clothing shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Items that may be used to do harm are prohibited. (i.e. large belt buckles, finger rings that cover two or more fingers, etc.)
11. 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.
12. Costumes, sleepwear or other clothing/adornment that creates a distraction is not permitted.
13. Shorts/pants must be fitted or cinched so as not to slip.
14. Gang clothing, symbols, or other items associated with gangs may not be worn, displayed or carried.
15. At schools with uniform dress codes, Principals have the discretion to relax the uniform dress code due to inclement weather.

Disciplinary Action: Options include but are not limited to, call to home requesting change of clothes, offer of change of loaner clothes from office, ISS, OSS.