

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE DESCRIPTIVE CODE: JCDB-R(3)

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 judgement. 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.

Every student enrolled in Douglas County Schools is expected to observe a standard of grooming and dress consistent with the level of formality of the school setting. Certain items of dress are not considered appropriate and therefore, are not acceptable, and could result in a child having to call parents at home or work to bring more appropriate clothing. Examples include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a. Hats, visors, hoods pulled up, sweat bands, skull caps, bandanas or other head garments including non-prescription sunglasses worn inside the building;
- b. Beach or shower shoes, bare feet, flip flops or rubber and/or metal cleats are not allowed in school or on buses;
- c. Shoes with any type of wheels or other rolling apparatus.
- d. Clothing that shows the bare midriff, bare back or the bare shoulders.
- e. Tank tops; (Shoulders must be covered; arm holes tight fitting) are permitted only for students in K, 1st, 2nd, grades. Tank tops are not permitted in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.
- f. See-through or mesh clothing unless worn over other apparel;
- g. Any clothing or articles advertising or displaying the insignia of drugs, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited;
- h. Any clothing with profane or obscene language or symbols displayed, any clothing which promotes violence; or does/may cause a disturbance.
- i. Gang related appearance, clothing or objects are prohibited.
- j. All pants which are not worn at the waist;
- k. Heavy coats or raincoats inside buildings and classrooms;
- l. Heavy chains or dog collars around the waist or neck, or attached to a wallet. Purses (including cross-strap) must be kept in bookbag.
- m. Shorts, dresses and skirts that are too tight, too short, (must be at least five inches from the top of the kneecap) or not worn at the waist are not permitted;
- n. Pajamas, bedroom shoes or other sleepwear;
- o. Holes or patches, on clothing, above the knee; girl’s leggings or tights (unless under a dress or covering buttock area by a top).

Good taste and good judgement should be used by parents and students alike in the selection of school dress. Many “fads” in dress are not appropriate. The school administration reserves the right to determine if certain other items are too casual, too revealing or too distracting from the learning environment to be considered appropriate for school. Health and safety of all students will be taken into consideration when making decisions regarding appropriate/inappropriate attire, including the tucking of shirts.

Some exceptions to these guidelines may be made for special activity days such as field days and character costume days as determined by the school principal. Special accommodations may also be made for health reasons. Total days for exceptional dress must be limited to no more than 5% of the student calendar (9 days) due to impact on the learning environment. Exceptions should be announced to students and parents well ahead of the date. Clear explanations of what will and will not be allowed must be included in the announcements.

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.