

Student Dress Code

The Griffin-Spalding County School System dress code requires students in middle and high school to dress in a manner that is conducive to a good learning environment. Our behavior patterns are affected by what we wear. When students are wearing proper attire, they are more reserved in their behavior. Visitors and our community judge our schools by the appearance and deportment of our students. Impressions of the entire school are influenced by our students' dress.

One objective of a school is to assist students in preparing for life in the business and social worlds. Our schools, therefore, should help students learn to dress in a manner the public finds appropriate. Many fads in dress are not appropriate for school. Therefore, students' 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, hairstyle, etc. are too casual, too revealing, or too distracting in the learning environment to be considered appropriate for school. The safety of all students will be taken into consideration when making decisions regarding appropriate/inappropriate attire including the tucking in of shirt tails.

It is not the intent of this regulation to create hardship or stress on any student or parent, but rather to provide a reasonable standard of dress. Recognizing the fact that no dress code is perfect and there may be some who will not agree on all points, we are requesting the cooperation of all students and their parents in adhering to this policy. The following restrictions, therefore, are imposed:

1. During school hours or at school activities, students should wear appropriate footwear. (Flip flops and bedroom shoes are not appropriate.)
2. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear clothing with slits or holes. (Frayed areas and patched holes are not appropriate.)
3. During school hours or at school activities, students may wear skirts, shorts, skorts, or dresses that fall below fingertip length when arms are held loosely at the side.
4. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear tank shirts, halter tops, shirts or dresses with spaghetti straps. In addition, tops that expose cleavage or midriffs, strapless dresses or see-through clothing are not appropriate during school hours or at school activities.
5. During school hours or at school activities, tails of shirts shall be worn at wrist level or above. Shirts longer than this must be tucked.

6. During school hours or at school activities, students shall wear pants belted at the natural waistline. There will be no “busting slack” or exposure of clothing designed and sold as undergarments during school hours.
7. During school hours or at school activities, students may not wear over-sized clothing, skin-tight pants, or form-fitting clothing. Students may wear leggings if a dress or top is worn over the leggings. The length of the dress or top worn over the leggings must fall below the fingertip length when arms are held loosely at the side.
8. During school hours or at school activities, students may not wear clothing in a manner inconsistent with the intended design. (Examples: bandanas used as belts, etc.).
9. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear clothing displaying obscene or suggestive slogans or shirts with pictures or patches displaying illegal substances for minors. (Examples: symbols of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages, etc.)
10. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear clothing which displays or implies profane, vulgar, obscene or racially offensive language, symbols, or sexual innuendo.
11. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not display emblems, insignias, writing graphics, pictures, badges, tattoos or other symbols where the effect is to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school.
12. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear hats, sunglasses, caps, visors, sweatbands, skull caps, do rags, headbands or bandanas. (All hats and caps shall be properly stored during the school day)
13. During school hours and at school activities, students shall not wear large coats and hoods. Hoods on sweatshirts must not be pulled over the head.
14. During school hours or at school activities, students may not wear chains hanging from wallets or clothing.
15. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not display or wear any gang article, paraphernalia or clothing that can be construed as being gang-related. (Examples: bandanas sweat bands, head rags, T-shirts, jerseys, jackets, accessories, etc.)
16. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear jewelry that is offensive, studded, or pointed.

17. During school hours or at school activities, students shall not wear visible piercing type jewelry (other than ears) or paraphernalia where the effect is to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school. Chains linking one piercing to another piercing are not allowed.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. School administrators may alter the dress code for special occasions or extracurricular activities.
2. Parents of students who require an exemption from the dress code for religious, cultural or short-term medical reasons may make application to the principal.

Refusal to comply with the dress code, repeated offenses, or violations of a severe nature may be subject to additional disciplinary procedures. The administration reserves the right to make the final decision relative to appropriate dress. School hours include the time students are transported to and from school on the school bus or any extra-curricular activity.

Receipt of Student Handbook shall serve as first notice of Dress Code Policy JCDB and Administrative Regulation JCDB-R(1)Middle and High Schools or JCDB-R(2) Elementary.