

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\(2\)\(d\)](#))

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.

Principals may add additional dress code guidelines unique to their school. These changes must be reasonable in scope, consistent with guidelines contained herein and elsewhere in district policy and the school must give parents/guardians adequate notice of said changes. Parents should be provided with notice at the beginning-of-year or at least three weeks prior to the initiation of any new policy.

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 on 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.
- 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 footwear 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.

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 or alcohol, 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)

Wearing clothing or accessories that depict a firearm or weapon or express an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system under this section or [F.S. 1006.13](#).

Students in violation of the dress code:

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/guardian as needed
- Students may be required to 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

Violations of these provisions of the dress code are subject to the following consequences as defined by [F.S. 1006.07\(2\)\(d1\)](#):

- For a first infraction, the student shall be given a verbal warning, and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian
- For a second infraction, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days and the school principal or designee shall meet with the student's parent or guardian
- For a third or subsequent infraction, the student shall receive an in-school suspension for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities. (F.S. 1003.01)

Regulations Regarding the Wearing of Items and/or Clothing that Conceal Identity

- A student's identity must be readily recognizable by school staff at all times during the school-day or when the student is engaged in a school-sponsored activity
- No items or clothing, or any combinations of such, may be worn in a manner that conceals the wearer's face. Face coverings such as ski masks, gas masks, Halloween masks, costume masks, ninja masks, pantyhose, full face masks, hoods (including hoods from sweatshirts or jackets commonly referred to as "hoodies") or other face coverings that obstruct a wearer's vision, face, or identity are not allowed absent a legally protected right that has been approved in writing by the school's Principal or the district's Equity Officer
- Students may utilize an appropriate face-covering (such as medical mask, surgical mask, scarf, bandana, neck buff, and other items made of a suitable and safe material that will cover the wearer's nose and mouth to prevent or reduce the release of respiratory droplets from the wearer's mouth or nose) for the purposes of health-related concerns
- Students must comply with the directive of all school staff members to remove any and all items of clothing set forth above so that the student's identity can be readily revealed and recognized. This would include the temporary removal of an appropriate face covering being utilized for health concerns so that a student's identity can be confirmed
- During times of inclement weather, a principal may modify or suspend application of these provisions when doing so is in the best interest of the student body's health, safety and welfare.
- Failure to comply with the above policy and provisions may result in disciplinary action as detailed herein and/or elsewhere in district policy



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For full details, see the Rules of Dress and Appearance section of the Student Code of Conduct.

NO HEAD COVERING

(Unless for religious or medical reasons)



ENTIRE SHADED AREA MUST BE COVERED

While on the grounds of a public school, during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment, in accordance with Florida State Statute F.S. 1006.07.

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SHOES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

