

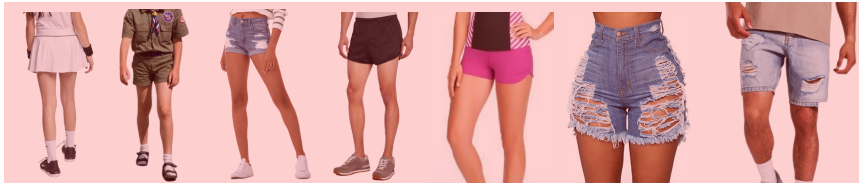


DRESS CODE GUIDE

WORKING AS ONE FOR THE SUCCESS OF ALL

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Minimum standard of dress code standards. The principal's decision or principal designees on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Please check with your school for all additional dress code guidelines. Principal or principal designee decisions are final.

SKIRTS, DRESSES & SHORTS



Must be worn above the hips

Rips are allowed below mid-thigh

Inseam & outseam must be below mid-thigh

SHIRTS & TOPS



Straps must be minimum of 1 inch

No low cut tops or see-through clothing

Gap below armpit must not be larger than 3 inches



Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally

PANTS, LEGGINGS & EXPOSED UNDERGARMENTS

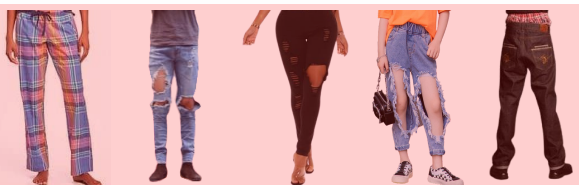


No exposed undergarments

No pajamas or slippers

Must not be ethnic or racially offensive nature, suggestive, indecent or associated with gangs

Must not encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons or support discrimination



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The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.

Individual schools are expected to use the District dress code guidelines as minimum standards and are encouraged to extend their own standards to meet the uniqueness of their school community. Schools are encouraged to obtain input from school stakeholders, including parents, staff and students as they establish a school dress code policy.

The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without being offended or disrupted by the way other students are dressed.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Comply with the school dress code.
- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
- Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
 - No exposed undergarments
 - No jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
 - No jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
 - No jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with the inseam or outseam shorter than the mid-thigh
 - Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)
 - No pajamas or slippers
 - No low cut tops or see-through clothing
 - Clothing must cover the midriff when standing naturally
 - No clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
 - Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
 - Not wear items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.