

DCSS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE DESCRIPTIVE CODE: JCDB-R(1)

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 judgment. **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 is 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.

APPROVED FOR SCHOOL WEAR:

- Pants: Pants that are size appropriate worn at the waist so as not to reveal undergarments.
- Shorts: Shorts that are size appropriate and worn at the waist, minimum inseam of 3.5"
- Skirts and dresses: Skirts must be size and length appropriate and worn at the waistline.
- Shirts and blouses: Long or short sleeved, dress shirt, T-shirt, polo type shirt, sweaters and sweatshirts which are size appropriate. Shirt must be below the belt line so as not to reveal the stomach/midriff.
- Shoes: All students must wear appropriate shoes at all times. No "house slippers"
- Undergarments: Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. Undergarments of any type must not be exposed at any time.
- Accessories: Belts are optional and, if worn, are to be proper length.

NOT APPROVED FOR SCHOOL WEAR and subject to discipline:

- Pants with holes that reveal undergarments or pockets
- See-through clothing;
- Sleeveless shirts, dresses, halter tops, tank tops and spaghetti straps that don't fully cover the chest and/or midriff;
- Deep-scooped necklines to do not properly cover chest;
- Clothing that shows the bare midriff, bare back or the bare shoulders;
- Rubber and/or metal cleats, bare feet; pajamas, bedroom shoes, or other sleepwear;
- Articles of clothing which advertise or display the symbols of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages;

- Clothing which displays or implies profane, vulgar, obscene or racially offensive language, symbols or sexual innuendo;
- Emblems, insignias, writing, graphics, pictures, badges, tattoos or other symbols where the effect thereof is to unreasonably attract the attention or cause disruption of a class or disruption or interference with the operation of the school;
- Hats, sunglasses and caps, visors, skull caps, do rags, headbands and bandanas etc. (All hats and caps shall be properly stored during the school day).
- Hoods of any type must not be pulled up on head.
- Chains hanging from wallets or clothing; dog collars or electronic belt buckles.
- Display or wearing of any gang articles, paraphernalia or clothing that can be construed as being gang related (e.g., bandanas, sweat bands, head rags, T-shirts, jerseys, jackets, etc.);
- Jewelry that is offensive; distracts or is studded or pointed, including “grills” and heavy chains;
- Any hairstyle or coloring and body piercings which causes a distraction to the learning environment;
- Clothing worn in a manner inconsistent with the intended design (ex.: exposure of clothing designed and sold as undergarments, rolled up pants legs, bandanas used as belts, etc.).
- Costumes or parts of costumes

Exceptions:

- Uniforms for school related activities are acceptable if approved by school administrators. Female cheerleaders must wear warm-ups under cheerleading uniforms except during games and pep rallies.
- School administrators may alter the dress code for special occasions or extracurricular activities.
- Parents of students who require an exemption from the dress code for religious, cultural, or short-term medical reasons may make an application to the principal.

Consequences for failure to comply:

The administration will determine consequences. These may include dress modification, parent notification, detention, 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.

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31-1	Dress Code Violations Level 1	1 change, record	2 change, record	change, detention	1 day ISS	2 days ISS	3+ ISS
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