

# CYPRESS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY



**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 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.**

The following types of clothing, items, accessories, and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment. Students that wear the same may be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

- Tops that do not cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit
- Tops with less than 1" straps
- Jeans or pants with rips or holes that expose undergarments, areas of the body that would generally be covered by undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Wallet chains, dog collars, or similar items
- Slippers or similar footwear
- Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, spirit week, etc.)
- Jewelry that may cause safety issues and/or substantially disrupt the school setting
- Hats, bandanas, or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons, and/or for special school activities)
- Any clothing, items, accessories, or apparel that may or does substantially disrupt the school setting, expose underwear, body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner, and/ or abdomen skin
- Any clothing, items, accessories, or apparel that contains: profanity, violent images, vulgarity in any form, sexually suggestive words, phrases, or images, sexually implicit or explicit images, gang-related images or images that signify gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation, and/or advertisements or usage of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- Offensive designs tattooed or imprinted on the body must be covered
- Students must wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation.

Schools may not require a student to remove or discipline a student for wearing clothing that depicts a firearm or weapon or expresses an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment (F.S. 1006.07). Clothing depicting violent acts and/ or violence remains inappropriate for the school setting.

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 in violation of dress code:

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/ guardian as needed
- May be required to remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal discretion
- May receive a discipline referral and receive consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the policy.

## Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

**First Offense:** Students will be required to change into appropriate clothing. Inappropriate clothing will NOT be covered with a jacket or other garments. Failure to comply will result in parent contact and may result in a referral or detention.

**Repeat Offenses:** Each subsequent violation will result in the student being required to change and serve consequences, or may result in the student being sent home. Acts of defiance and argumentative behavior could result in more severe consequences, including Out-of-School Suspension (OSS).

