

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.

- Students must wear clothing that has fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms) and shoes
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms)
- Shirts must have straps
- Clothing must cover undergarments (this includes straps and waistbands)
- Fabric covering chests, genitals and buttocks must be opaque
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop 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. Students that wear the same may be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

- 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, 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)

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 given a verbal warning and the principal or a designee shall call the student's parents.

Second Offense - Student will be 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.

Subsequent Offenses - Student will 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.



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