

**STUDENT DRESS CODE  
2020-2021**

**GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DRESS**

To provide reasonable guidelines for the students that promote community values relative to good grooming and personal hygiene, preserve the health and welfare of students and prevent substantial and material disruption to, or direct interference with, the educational process.

It is the responsibility of the students to dress in a manner consistent with the above referenced purpose and to take pride in their personal appearance.

**Apparel for School**

Acceptable Apparel - The following apparel items are acceptable provided that they are clean, in good condition and otherwise consistent with the above-referenced purpose:

1. Shoes must be worn. No flip flops, sandals, or slippers.
2. Hair that is well groomed.
3. Trousers, jeans, skirts, dresses, shirts, shorts, sweaters, and blouses provided that such items are of conventional length.
4. Athletic wear.

**Unacceptable Apparel** - The following are unacceptable apparel and subject to disciplinary action:

1. Tank tops and low-cut tops. (All shirts must have sleeves.) Shirts, blouses, and sweaters that do not come to the top of the pants and/or expose skin when seated/standing. Articles that reveal the back, chest, upper-thigh, or undergarments. Shirts must fully cover the stomach. Ripped pants/jeans that expose skin on the upper-thigh or above, or reveal their undergarments.
2. Clothing that contains insignias, advertisements, symbols, words, patches, or pictures that endanger or interfere with the health and welfare of any student or cause substantial and material disruption to, or direct interference with, the educational process. Clothing prohibited under this rule includes that which is suggestive of violence or gangs or which relates to sex, drugs, or alcohol.

3. “Biker” or spandex-type shorts. Leggings/yoga pants are to be worn with a top that reaches to the midthigh.
4. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be midthigh in length.
5. Sagging pants, shorts, or skirts that are worn below the waist exposing undergarments; pajamas.
6. Large chains or wallets with attached chains are not allowed.
7. The following items are not to be worn in the building: a) hats, head coverings (unless for religious articles) or other apparel, including hair picks; b) coats designed specifically for outside wear or hooded sweatshirts; c) sunglasses, unless authorized by a doctor.

### **Physical Education Attire for Grades 7-12 Only**

Must be different from set of clothes worn to school except for shoes/socks.

1. Tennis shoes and socks.
2. Shorts/Sweatpants: Must fit properly at waist and not drag. Spandex type pants/shorts are permitted if proper length shorts are worn over top.
3. Shirts: Shall touch the lower clothing when a student's arms are raised. No portion of the midriff shall be exposed. Necklines shall be modest and all shirts need sleeves.

### **Other Information**

Exceptions to the foregoing student dress code policy requirements shall be permitted as follow:

1. Members of school curricular and extracurricular organizations may wear their designated FCS apparel on meeting or performance days;
2. Vanguard/Tech Center students may wear their program-approved T-shirts, polo shirts, or V-neck/crew-neck sweatshirts with FCS dress code approved bottoms. Medical Technology students may wear their program-approved polo shirts, and/or scrubs (tops and bottoms) with FCS dress code approved shoes;
3. College Credit Plus (CCP) students who attend Ross H.S. must follow the FCS Student Dress Code Policy;

4. Students participating in a nationally recognized youth organization that establishes its own uniform shall be permitted to wear such uniform on the days that the organization has scheduled functions;
5. Students shall be permitted to wear religiously significant clothing which is part of the student's religious practice. Students must notify the school principal in writing at the beginning of the school year of the religious requirement pertaining to dress. Approval must be by the building principal and
6. Exceptions, other than those on religious grounds, may be approved only upon the prior approval of the building principal. Staff members will be given notice of any exceptions to the student dress code policy.

If financial assistance is needed, parents should contact their school.

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

#### 1. Elementary Buildings

##### A. 1st Offense:

- 1) Parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be sent back to class even if the office was unable to contact parent.
- 3) A letter will be sent home reinforcing the student dress code policy.

##### B. 2nd Offense:

- 1) Parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be sent back to class even if the office was unable to contact parent.
- 3) A parent conference will be scheduled with principal.
- 4) A letter will be sent home reinforcing the student dress code policy and conference date/time if appropriate.

C. 3rd Offense (additional offenses):

- 1) Parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be sent back to class even if the office was unable to contact parent.
- 3) Student will be assigned an after-school detention.
- 4) A letter will be sent home reinforcing the student dress code policy and detention date/time.

\*Principals may assign other disciplinary consequences after the third campus wear violation.

2. Secondary Buildings

A. 1st Offense:

- 1) The student will be asked to change clothing or parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be removed from class until student is wearing proper dress code attire.

B. 2nd Offense:

- 1) The student will be asked to change clothing or parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be removed from class until student is wearing proper dress code attire.

C. 3rd Offense:

- 1) The student will be asked to change clothing or parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be removed from class until student is wearing proper dress code attire.

D. 4th Offense:\*

- 1) The student will be asked to change clothing or parents will be notified via telephone to bring in proper clothing.
- 2) The student will be removed from class until student is wearing proper dress code attire.
- 3) The student will be assigned an after-school detention. Parents will be notified of detention date/time via conference or telephone.

\*Principals may assign other disciplinary consequences after the fourth campus wear violation. Parents will be notified of violation and consequences via conference or telephone.

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LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I  
ORC 3313.20; 3313.665

CROSS REFS.: JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
JFCEA, Gangs  
Student Handbooks