

## 2017-2018 DRESS CODE

### Student Appearance and dress code

Responsibility for the dress and appearance of students enrolled in the Madison County School District primarily rests with parents and the students. Some student apparel, however, may not be appropriate to wear to school even though that same apparel may be appropriate to wear in other settings. To assist parents and students in making appropriate fashion and grooming decisions for school, the School Board has established the following minimal guidelines for the appearance and dress of students (*Florida Statutes 1001.43(1)(b)*).

The standards of appearance for students shall ensure that the students be clean, neat, and properly dressed. They shall observe modes of dress and standards of personal grooming which are appropriate for the academic environment. It is the responsibility of the principal to see that the dress appearance of any student shall not be extreme, to the point of creating a disturbance or is hazardous to self, others, or school property, whether or not the specific case is covered by the information below. The principal or principal's designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student's apparel/appearance conforms to the dress code.

*Note: Students attending Madison County Excel Alternative Education Center must adhere to the approved dress code described in the school's dress code/policy found in this Code of Conduct.*

### Rights

**Students have the right to dress comfortably in clothing that is appropriate for school, is not dangerous to health and safety, and does not create a substantial and material disruption to the school.**

### Responsibilities:

#### (1) HEAD

- No sunglasses, hats, caps, visors, hoods or other head coverings (i.e. bonnets, wave caps, scarfs, etc.) may be worn inside the buildings, except with administrative permission (i.e. medical necessity, religious, school related events, outdoor activities). All hoodies must remain off the head while inside the buildings. (PK-3<sup>rd</sup> must remove hoodies upon entering the classroom.) No bandanas/sweat bands may be worn at any time.

#### (2) UPPER GARMENTS

- **Grades PK-12** may wear the following upper garments: shirts with or without collars, t-shirts, or button down shirts that are any color or color pattern. These shirts may have writing or logos as long as they are deemed appropriate by school site administration. (Printed profanity, or language/symbols/styles that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, gang-related or other illegal activities are prohibited.)
- Garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable for the build and stature of the student.
- Clothing exposing the torso or midriff, either front, back or sides shall not be worn. The following items are prohibited: halter tops, tube tops, backless dresses/tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, one-strap/one-shoulder tops, and strapless tops.
- Garments may not be made of transparent or "see through" material. Note: If undergarments are visible the upper garment is not permitted.
- Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited, and the cut of garments must not expose undergarments or cleavage.
- Shirts must touch, at a minimum, the top portion of lower garments at all times.
- Garments that are offensive, distracting or inappropriate are prohibited, including but not limited to those with see-through materials, skintight items, pajamas, rips/tears, printed profanity, or language/symbols/styles that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, gang-related or other illegal activities.

### **(3) LOWER GARMENTS**

- **Grades PK-8:** lower garments designed with or modified to have tears or rips may not be worn. **Grades 9-12** may wear lower garments designed with tears or rips provided such tears or rips are below the knee. Rips/tears above the knee must be patched with the same material as the pants. **Shorts, tights or any other type of undergarment worn underneath the pants are not considered patches.**
- Undergarments and the buttocks **MUST** remain entirely covered even while seated.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.
- **Leggings may only be worn under a top that is no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee.**
- The waistband of pants, shorts or skirts must be worn and secured between the hips and the waist.
- **Grades PK-8:** No gym shorts or sweat pants may be worn.
- **Undergarments as outerwear, pajama pants, bathing suits, cheer shorts, bike shorts and spandex material bottoms are prohibited. (Examples: leggings, jeggings, tights, yoga pants, etc.)**

### **(4) FOOTWEAR**

- All students shall wear shoes/footwear that must remain attached to their feet. Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment.
- Cleats, slippers, and shoes with wheels are not permitted to be worn on campus. Cleats may be worn for appropriate extracurricular sports in proper areas
- **Grades PK-8: All footwear must be “closed toe and heel”. No flip flops, sandals or “Cros” are permitted.**

### **(5) ACCESSORIES**

- Clothing, jewelry, and accessories shall not convey messages that are: crude, vulgar/profane, violent/death-oriented, gang related, sexually suggestive, promote alcohol, drugs or tobacco.
- Jewelry or accessories, to include body piercings that pose a safety concern for the student or others are prohibited. Dog collars, wallet chains, combs, large hair picks or chains that connect one part of the body to another are prohibited.

**NOTE: The principal or the principal’s designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student’s apparel/appearance conforms to the dress code and hinders the education/safety of all students.**

## **VIOLATION OF DRESS CODE**

If the principal determines that a student’s clothing does not comply with Board policy, his/her parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school, or the student may be asked to leave an after school activity. The student may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school’s dress code policy. Repeated violations may result in progressively more serious consequences.

## **2017-2018 DRESS FOR SUCCESS UNIFORM CODE**

### **Madison County Excel Alternative Education Center**

*Personal appearance is critical to the success of a student. To dress the part of being a student is to be neat, clean, and not distracting to others.*

#### **Responsibilities:**

##### **(1) UPPER GARMENTS**

- Black, white, gray, maroon or blue shirts with collar and sleeves only.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- No tight fitting shirts may be worn at any time.
- No logos, emblems, writing or pictures more than one inch, unless it is the MCEAEC logo.

##### **(2) LOWER GARMENTS**

- Solid colored pants (navy, black or khaki) with belt loops. Only one pair of pants may be worn at one time.
- A black or brown belt must be worn at all times.
- No jeans, sweatpants, oversized pants, baggy pants or tight fitting pants may be worn at any time.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline at all time. Pants may not drag the ground or be worn below the waistline.
- No tucking pants legs into socks or tying around the ankles.

##### **(3) FOOTWEAR**

- Black or white sneakers or other black or brown enclosed flat shoes must be worn at all time.
- Shoes must be worn with socks at all times.

##### **(4) HEAD**

- No head gear, head rags, bandanas, hair curlers, wave caps, or sun visors are allowed.
- Hats, hoods, or gloves may be worn outside in weather below forty (40) degrees.
- No hooded jackets or pullover garments worn over the school uniform is permitted inside the building.

##### **(5) ACCESSORIES**

- Hair should be neat and well-groomed and without foreign objects such as, hair combs and hair picks, or other items that could be used as or used to hide weapons or drug paraphernalia.
- No facial jewelry except eyeglasses. (Example: no lip, tongue, nose, or eyebrow jewelry.)
- No dental grills, unless surgically attached by a dentist.
- No book bags are permitted.

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