

DRESS CODE

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10. Student Dress Code The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). The St. Johns County School District expects students to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or any school sponsored event. Student dress code requirements reflect fair, equitable, and consistent practices for all students, while contributing to a safe and positive school climate. In accordance with statutory requirement F.S. 1006.07 (students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner) enforcement will focus on positive guidance without embarrassment to the student and should not disrupt the educational process.

All Students

- Personal attire may be in the style of the day. Clothing, piercings and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.
- Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.
- Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by school administration for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours.
- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.

Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Bedroom slippers are prohibited. See-through or mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standard for clothing coverage.

- Rips or tears in clothing above the mid-thigh must not expose skin.
- Any student who attends First Coast Technical College must follow dress code regulations established by each occupational department of FCTC (i.e., safety clothing, protective garments, and business attire)

Enforcement and Waiver

- Enforcement will focus on positive guidance without embarrassment to the student and should not disrupt the educational process.
- The principals or designees will determine the appropriateness of attire in conjunction with the current dress code policy. Nothing in these guidelines shall be construed to pre-empt the principal's authority to act in specific cases when, in the principal's judgment and discretion, a student's attire threatens to disrupt the educational process or the good order and discipline of the school or is otherwise inappropriate.

- For special events and occasions (spirit weeks, athletic contests, etc.) principals may modify this policy for their particular school.
- The School Advisory Council may recommend, and the Superintendent may grant, an individual school's request to deviate from dress code requirements. Examples include requiring school uniforms, all shirts shall be tucked in, no shorts, pants must have belts, etc.