

McAuliffe Dress Code

Dress code policies are established by schools to define and prohibit students from wearing apparel that is deemed disruptive to the learning environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. During school hours students' appearance shall be acceptable for the classroom and reinforce a positive learning environment. Student appearance is expected to be acceptable for a K-12 educational environment. In addition, students' appearance at school related functions including, but not limited to, special occasions and activities under the jurisdiction of the school, shall be acceptable for these occasions, regardless of where or when such occasions or activities occur. Any clothing, accessories, or body adornments that interfere with or disrupt the educational environment are prohibited. Clothing for school or school functions is hereinafter referred to as school attire.

There will be exceptions from the school dress code for specially-designated days, health reasons, or for school-sponsored activities as designated by the Principal.

Parents/guardians of students requiring accommodation for religious beliefs, disability, or other good cause should contact the principal.

Should a student's clothing not be in compliance with this policy, the parents/guardians and the student will be informed of the issue in order to avoid future non-compliance. The parent/guardian may be asked to bring in appropriate clothing or the school may lend out appropriate clothing if available. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a positive learning environment for all students, so continued infractions will result in a meeting with the student, parents/guardians, and school officials to collaboratively brainstorm positive solutions. Deliberate infractions of the dress code to disrupt the learning environment will result in disciplinary action.

1. Clothing should be worn as designed and should cover private parts of the body. Clothing that inappropriately bares or exposes private parts of a body, including but not limited to the stomach, areas above mid-thigh, buttocks, back and breasts is unacceptable school attire.
2. Clothes, paraphernalia, jewelry, or body adornment that contain advertisements, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that are sexually suggestive; gang-, drug-, or alcohol related; obscene, profane, promote hate, or are disruptive or potentially disruptive to the learning environment are unacceptable school attire.
3. Ill-fitting clothing (i.e. clothing that is too tight or too loose) is unacceptable school attire.

4. Clothing must cover undergarments. Clothing that is worn in such a manner as to expose undergarments (i.e. boxer shorts, bras, underwear) is unacceptable for school.
5. Cut-off t-shirts, half shirts, midriffs, tops with spaghetti straps, tube tops, see through or revealing tops are unacceptable school attire.
6. Pants or shorts that are in the mid-thigh range or longer where the waistband rises to at least the hips are acceptable school attire
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8. Acceptable footwear is required to be worn at all times. Bedroom slippers are considered unacceptable school attire.
9. Items considered sleepwear or lounge pants are considered unacceptable school attire.
10. Sunglasses and hats are unacceptable school attire, unless being worn for protection from sun and approved by a teacher or administrator to be worn during an outside school activity.
11. Sweatshirts/jackets may be worn inside to regulate student comfort of temperature, but hoods must remain off.