



### **Dress Code Expectations**

The Calcasieu Parish School Board expects the dress code policy will support a positive school culture by identifying attire that promotes school safety and student health. In all cases, the school principal shall inform the student, parent, and school community about the school dress code. All students and parents are expected to follow the written policy.

The policy of the Calcasieu Parish School Board shall be that no mode of attire shall be considered proper for school wear that distracts or disrupts classroom and school decorum. The School Board feels it is the responsibility of each student to use good judgment in one's total appearance so that the attention of others is not distracted from the purpose of school. Cleanliness shall be a basic consideration. For health and safety reasons, students must wear shoes to school.

**Questions about the school Dress Code Policy should be referred first to the school principal or other school authority.** Individuals who still have questions about a school's Dress Code Policy can contact the Calcasieu Parish School Board's Office at (337) 217-4150 ext 1501.

### **SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Students attending all public Pre-K-12 schools in Calcasieu Parish shall adhere to the following official school dress code:

1. Uniform shirts will be white, hunter green or navy-blue polo/golf style shirts (short or long sleeves with a collar) or shirts that button down the front with a collar. No emblem, logo, decoration, or decorative trim is allowed. School Administrators have the option to choose a uniform shirt in one of the school's colors.
2. White, hunter green or navy-blue turtlenecks with no emblem, logo, decoration or decorative trim are acceptable. Turtlenecks can be worn separately or under uniform shirt.
3. Face Coverings are permissible, and mandatory use of face coverings will apply as long as face coverings are mandated by a qualifying state or local authority. Face Covering is defined as a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears, or is wrapped around the lower face including nose and mouth. In addition to face coverings, students may wear a plastic face shield that covers eyes, nose and mouth. Face coverings do not have to be designated colors, but should be school appropriate and not derogatory, offensive, political in nature, or distracting to the school environment, as

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- determined by school principal.
4. T-shirts (solid white, hunter green or navy blue) will be allowed under uniform shirt.
  5. Spirit shirt/club shirt may be worn on day(s) determined by the school administrator.
  6. School administrators have the option to allow students to wear a school issued T-shirt or face covering with the official school logo or school colors.
  7. Shirts may or may not be tucked in.
  8. Khaki or navy-blue pants (shades may vary), skirts, shorts, skorts, or jumpers must be uniform style and color. Blue jeans, pants only (shades of blue may vary) shall not have any holes, rips or tears. No blue jean shorts, no corduroy or wind-suit materials, no sweatpants, no stretch pants or leggings, no jeggings, no joggers, no spandex, no baggy pants, no bell-bottoms, no carpenter or cargo styles, no hip-huggers, no side-knee pockets, no capris. Emblems, logos, or decorations are not allowed. Shorts and skorts must measure (front and back) no shorter than three inches above the knee and no longer than mid-knee. Skirts, blue jean skirts, and jumpers must measure no shorter than three inches above the knee.
  9. Belts should be black, brown, navy blue, hunter green, or khaki with no emblem, logo or decoration and must be worn with slacks and shorts that are designed to have belt loops. Belts must be visible and worn around the waist. Belts are optional for pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade students.
  10. Socks (or stockings/tights for girls) are required and may be of any color with no emblem, logo or decoration and must cover the ankle and be visible. Middle and High School students are not required to wear socks or stockings with sandals.
  11. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. Flip Flops are not allowed. Sandals are not allowed in elementary grades.
  12. Acceptable outerwear for classroom is limited to include sweater, sweater vest, sweatshirt, and light jacket. During class time, jackets are to remain open, not zipped or buttoned. Colors for classroom outerwear include khaki, navy blue, hunter green and white. No emblem, logo, or decoration is allowed on classroom outerwear. The uniform shirt must be worn under outerwear.
  13. Heavy coats and jackets worn to and from school and/or outdoors are not restricted, recommended colors of navy blue, white, khaki and hunter green, jackets are allowed in the classroom if without a hoodie.



14. No head wear shall be worn on campus with the exception of knit caps that can be worn only to and from school in extremely cold weather. No headwear of any kind is to be worn in school buildings at any time without approval of school administrator.
15. Wearing dress or attire signifying gang affiliations is strictly prohibited on campus and at school-related activities.
16. Body Armor (bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury) is prohibited.

**Bullet-Resistant Backpacks** - students are permitted to wear, carry, or possess a backpack on school property or a school bus that has bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

#### **Other Dress Code Expectations**

1. Prohibited items that distract from the learning environment include bandannas, hair rollers, extreme hairstyles, unnatural hair colors, lines, letters, or designs shaved in the head.
2. Sunglasses, nose rings, visible body piercing, and excessive or inappropriate jewelry are prohibited.
3. Prohibited items include excessive and inappropriate makeup, painted faces, inappropriate tattoos and stick-on tattoos are prohibited.
4. Clothing worn is not to be suggestive or indecent.
5. Clothing, jewelry, and general appearance shall not be of the type that would cause a disturbance, distract or interfere with the instructional programs.
6. Clothing, jewelry, and general appearance shall not be such as to constitute a health or safety hazard.

Principals may declare spirit or club days and allow students to wear school spirit shirts, or dress up days (i.e., when school pictures are scheduled) or allow students to wear other uniform attire such as uniforms or special dress for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, athletes, cheerleaders, band, chorus, etc.

Guidelines for any other dress code attire not addressed by the Dress Code Expectations will be at the discretion of the school's administration. Other questions about dress code should be referred first to the school authorities, then to the central office staff.

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## **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

All Pre-K through 12 schools in Calcasieu Parish shall strive to achieve full compliance of the Dress Code Policy and should resort to disciplinary measures only when positive measures fail.

**Students who violate the dress code shall be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.**

**A student enrolled in grades prekindergarten (Pre-K) through five (5) shall not be suspended or expelled from school or suspended from riding on any school bus for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.**

**Staff will direct students to correct inappropriate attire that can be immediately corrected with no further action.**

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