



# DRESS CODE

The Ferguson-Florissant School District expects students to dress for success. The way a student dresses affects student attitude and behavior. We encourage our students to model the dress of post-secondary and professional life. Students may wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display religious messages or symbols in the same manner and to the same extent that other types of clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display messages or symbols are permitted.

## DRESS CODE & UNIFORM VIOLATIONS CONSEQUENCES

- First violation – Teacher will send note home with uniform policy attached, to be signed and returned.
- Second violation – Principal or designee will contact parent that a second violation has occurred and clothing must be brought to school.
- Third violation – Parent conference and review of uniform policy and consequences of future violations discussed. School uniform clothing brought to school.
- Fourth violation – Detention and clothing brought to school.
- Future violation will be considered an act of insubordination and will be handled as such in accordance with the Ferguson-Florissant School District Student Expectation Code.

Clothing and accessories that detract from the educational process are not permitted. We expect our students to maintain a level of dress conducive to learning that does not disturb the learning environment.

### Students are not permitted to wear:

- Any type of headgear or covering (hats, sweatbands, bandanas, scarves, wave caps, hoods, etc.). These items are not to be carried around school.
- Any article of clothing displaying obscene or inappropriate printing (i.e., alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, harassing, obscene, vulgar, lewd or prejudicial) either explicit or implied.
- Tops that are too revealing: No bare midriff, cleavage, or backs
- Pajamas

- Decorative jewelry that is inappropriate or dangerous (i.e., sunglasses, dog collars, chains, spiked bracelets, medallions, wristbands)
- Clothing which sags (The waistband of the pants, shorts, skirts, or jeans must be secured at or above the waist.)
- Clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other things which are themselves evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang or are worn in a manner which constitutes evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang. A “gang” is defined in this policy as any group of two or more persons whose purposes include the commission of illegal acts or disruptive behavior.
- Shirts falling below the student’s fingertips (Any shirt, including jerseys and sweaters, that falls below the fingertips must be TUCKED in.)
- Coats/vests in the building (sweat jackets, jean jackets, light jackets, sweaters and hoodies are acceptable, but must be in compliance with shirt length).
- Any clothing that is distracting or disruptive to the learning environment and school climate.
- Short skirts or shorts. All shorts, skirt and dress lengths may be no shorter than the length of the student’s fingertips when their arms are placed at their side.
- House shoes, flip-flops/slides (at the elementary level), bare or sock feet. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
- The following items are not to be worn alone:
  - Tube tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops (if the shoulder straps are less than three fingers wide), cut-offs, midriff shirts/blouses, muscle shirts.
  - Tights, spandex, or leggings (these items must be worn with other clothing that adheres to short/skirt/dress length requirements).
  - See-through clothing (including, but not limited to tops, sleeves, legs, and backs).
  - Any clothing that shows underwear or undergarments.

The final decision regarding the appropriateness of clothing and apparel will be at the discretion of the school administrator. Individual buildings may have additional restrictions as deemed necessary.