

CMS Dress Code

The intent of the code is to create proper standards of safety, health, and welfare for all students. The dress code guidelines below have been approved by the Brevard County School Board.

General Guidelines: The Board’s dress and grooming policy (5511) was developed to provide specific guidelines for students to follow and for staff to enforce regarding the dress and appearance for each student. Student dress must not be extreme to the point that it creates a disruption to the learning environment, is not offensive or vulgar, and should not represent a hazard to student who is wearing the attire. **The Principal or the Principal’s designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student’s apparel conforms to the dress code.**

Clothing, jewelry, and accessories shall not convey messages that are rude, vulgar/profane, violence/death oriented, sexually, alcohol, firearms, tobacco, or gang related. Beach attire, pajamas, spandex or other “stretchy” material should not be worn at school. Undergarments (defined as anything worn under the outermost layer of clothing) should not be visible. **Students in violation of dress code will not be permitted to attend class unless they meet dress code requirements.**

Head/Hair: Head gear (e.g. baseball caps, stocking caps, “do-rags”), curlers, bandannas or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are not to be worn in school buildings or hallways. Hats should not be visible during the school day. Use of natural hair color is encouraged. Extreme hairstyles or make up that is disruptive or does not allow direct eye contact is prohibited per district policy.

Upper Garments: In accordance with Board policy, garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to the build and stature of the student. Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited. Strapless garments are prohibited. Straps of permitted garments must be a minimum of 1.5 inches in width (tube tops and halter-tops are prohibited). Sleeveless garments must not expose undergarments or be otherwise immodest. Extremely large or baggy clothing which may conceal dangerous items or be a safety hazard shall not be worn. Upper garments must adequately cover the waistline and must not expose the midriff while the student is performing normal school related activities (studying, retrieving books, raising hands, etc.).

Lower Garments: In accordance with Board policy, pants shall conform to the build and stature of the student, shall be worn at the waist, and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in length. “Short-shorts” are prohibited. Leggings are only allowed with dress code appropriate lower garments. Mid-thigh length is defined as the length of the longest finger of the hand when the arms are extended down at the side. In accordance with Board policy, lower garments shall have no holes or rips.

Footwear: Backless shoes (including “flip flops” and slides) and soft sole shoes will not be worn at school so that the students foot may be protected and to reduce the likelihood of tripping or falling.

Jewelry/Accessories: Pierced jewelry shall be limited to the ear. Dog collars, tongue rings, wallet chains, large hair picks, chains that connect one part of the body to another, or other jewelry/accessories that pose a safety concern for the student or others shall be prohibited. Clear spacers or retainers may be worn in facial piercings. Band-Aids cannot cover a piercing.

Students found in violation of the CMS Dress Code will be referred to the Dean’s Office and may face disciplinary action. If a violation of the dress code is noted, students will be directed to change into attire that conforms to the dress code policy and their parent/guardian will be contacted. Repeated offenses will result in further consequences, possibly including suspension. Anticipate the following consequence although administration does reserve the right to modify the consequences cited below:

1st offense – dress code violation: Warning. Change of clothing (if applicable/available). If violation due to hair style/dyeing of hair, students will have one week to conform to CMS dress code standards.

2nd offense - dress code violation: Dean’s Detention

3rd or more offense - dress code violation: In/out of school suspension (one day)

I have read and understand the above rules and agree to abide by them while on school grounds.

Student’s Name _____ Student’s Signature _____

Parent’s Name _____ Parent’s Signature _____