

- (1) ~~The wearing of appropriate clothing is an essential part of education; therefore, the wearing of garments suitable for school shall be encouraged. All teachers shall be on alert to give helpful, friendly guidance in these matters without embarrassment to the student. Dress and personal appearance shall be reasonable as outlined in the individual school handbook.~~

- (2) ~~Elementary students shall dress appropriately for their age and grade level in accordance with the standards established by the individual schools.~~

The Board finds that school uniforms are necessary for the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. Uniforms promote an environment that enhances learning and safety; encourages you to express your individuality through personality and achievements, not outward appearances; and creates a sense of school pride and belonging. All staff members will enforce the dress code. The administration/designee will be the final judge about whether a student’s clothing meets requirements of policy. We rely on the good taste and judgment of the students and the responsibility of the parents to advise their children of the appropriate dress in accordance with the Flagler Public School Dress Code Policy.

You are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity **during** the school day.

A. Specific Requirements:

Pants/Bottom Attire

- 1. Must be khaki (tan), navy blue or black slacks, or plain blue or black denim jeans. May include navy blue, khaki (tan) or black shorts, skirts, skorts, or jumpers. A small trademark logo is acceptable.
- 2. Pants must be plain without any holes, tears, tatters, or unfinished hems, and must be worn **securely** at the waist.
- 3. If pants have belt loops, a black or brown belt must be used. Students in grades K-3 are exempt.

Shirts

- 1. Shirts must be standard short or long sleeve polo style, oxford style, or button-up dress shirt with a collar. A small trademark logo is acceptable.
- 2. All schools may use the district colors of white or grey and choose up to two additional standard school colors. Shirts must be solid color.
- 3. On designated school Spirit Days or special events, students may wear their school logo t-shirt, team jersey, or club shirt.
- 4. It is recommended shirts be tucked in. Cleavage must be covered.

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Outer or cool weather attire

1. Zip- or button-up or “over the head” sweatshirts or sweaters are acceptable as long as required dress attire is worn beneath.
2. Items must be solid color in white, grey or the approved school colors. A small trademark logo is acceptable.
3. School logo items are acceptable.
4. Standard, required dress code must be worn, even when wearing cool weather attire.

The following general rules apply to dress code:

1. Shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers are acceptable if they are within 4” above the knee.
2. Hats, headgear, or any head covering (bandanas, sweatbands, and du-rags) will not be allowed.
3. **No undergarments are to be seen at any time.**
4. Wearing apparel which tends to identify association with secret societies or gangs as prohibited in Florida Statutes is not allowed.
5. No sunglasses can be worn inside buildings.
6. All chains that hang outside clothing are not allowed.
7. Any jewelry or accessory that presents a safety or health hazard or causes a major disruption to the educational process is not allowed.
8. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed. (i. e. footwear with wheels, including but not limited to Heely’s.)

K-6 grade students must wear enclosed shoes or athletic shoes;

7th and 8th grade students may wear enclosed shoes, athletic shoes, or sandals with a back strap;

High school students may wear all of the above footwear and flip flops/sandals. Footwear determined by staff to be unsafe for school/physical education classes may be prohibited by school administration for those activities or classes.

9. All clothing must be the appropriate size for you, it may not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at waist level and not below the waist.
10. Tattoos deemed inappropriate by staff must be covered.
11. Contact lenses that alter the appearance of the eye (other than to another naturally occurring color) are not allowed.
12. No trench coats.
13. School ID’s must be worn and clearly displayed by high school and middle school students.

B. Exceptions

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1. If you enter the Flagler County School system after the start of the school year, you will have a grace period of ten (10) school days before being required to wear the school uniform.
2. The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the school uniform policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief, documented by a medical physician or religious leader.
3. A student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, on regular meeting days.
4. A student wears a costume, special clothing or dress attire necessary for participation in a school-sponsored or extracurricular activity provided the clothing complies with District policy.

C. Financial Considerations/Assistance

1. You will not be denied attendance at school or be otherwise penalized for failing to wear clothing that complies with the school uniform if such failure is due to financial hardship. Your parent/guardian should notify the principal if assistance is needed.
2. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to offer assistance to students who would have or are having difficulty complying with the school uniform policy due to financial hardships and shall develop a program to provide for uniform donations or uniform clothing.

D. Discipline

The principal or designee has the authority to decide if your clothing complies with Board Policy.

If the principal determines that your clothing does not comply with Board policy, your parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school, or you may be asked to leave an after-school activity. You may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy. Repeated violations of the Dress Code Policy shall be treated as disruptive behavior under the Student Code of Conduct.

Any absence resulting from a violation of the Student Dress Code policy will be considered an **unexcused absence**.

According to FS 1001.43, the School Board has the right to adopt programs and policies to ensure the safety and welfare of individuals, including requiring uniforms. It is

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important for students and parents/guardians to work with the school in adhering to district dress code.

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