

Please read before you shop for back to school clothes!

DCPS Dress Code

Administrators and teachers of the Duval County Public Schools shall enforce dress and grooming guidelines that promote the successful operation of the schools. The site administration shall be the final judge as to neatness and cleanliness of wearing apparel and whether or not such apparel is appropriate, disruptive, distracting, or in violation of health and safety rules. Each student has the responsibility to dress appropriately and have respect for self, others and the school environment. Wearing apparel, jewelry (such as body piercing (s), ornaments), hair, and general appearance shall not disrupt the classroom atmosphere, shall not be unusually provocative, and/or shall not violate health and safety rules of the school. These guidelines for dress and grooming are provided to assist parents/guardians and shall apply to all students in the Duval County Public Schools. Student dress and grooming shall be neat and clean, and follow the general guidelines below.

1. Elementary school students are not allowed to wear shoes without closed heels or back straps.
2. Shoes must be worn. However, bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn.
3. **Halter-tops, tank tops, backless tops, tops with thin or no straps, or tops that show midriff or expose the body are prohibited.**
4. See-through or mesh garments shall not be worn without appropriate undergarments.
5. **Form-fitting or overly tight clothing shall not be worn without appropriate outer garments.** (TLAM defines this as leggings, jeggings, tights and spandex. They may be worn under shorts, skirts or dresses, but they do not negate the ID card rule and they may not be worn alone).
6. Properly hemmed outer garments such as shorts, divided skirts, and dresses may be worn, provided they are not disruptive or distracting, as determined by the school administration. At TLAM, we define the appropriate length with the student ID card. **Garments must not be higher than an ID card length (3.5inches) from the knee.** Garments including, but not limited to, such items as boxer shorts, traditionally designed as undergarments, may not be worn as outer garments.
7. **Clothing and accessories shall not be worn if they display profanity, violence, lewd and obscene messages, sexually suggestive phrases, or advertisements, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs or other symbols phrases** or advertisements that would be offensive to common propriety or decency.
8. **Head coverings, including, but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, hair curlers, and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn** on school property, unless required by a physician or authorized by school personnel.
9. **Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner** or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. The waistband of shorts, slacks, skirts, and similar garments shall not be worn below the hips. **Clothing which is not worn appropriately, is not properly fastened, is suggestive, or has tears that reveal or expose body parts, has printing with words or pictures that have a sexual connotation will not be permitted.** All trousers, including oversized or low-hanging trousers, must be worn and secured at waist level. Underwear, midriff and back may not be exposed. If belts, suspenders, and straps are worn, they shall be worn in place and fastened.
10. **Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury to yourself or to other students are not allowed.**

All students must adhere to these minimal guidelines for acceptable apparel and appearance. A school may implement a school uniform requirement through the shared decision-making process, with input from the School Advisory Council. In order to maximize instructional time, students will be given an opportunity to immediately correct dress code violations.

Physical Education DRESS OUT REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to dress out completely for class. The Physical Education Uniform is the same in all middle schools throughout the district. All Physical Education clothes must be taken home at the end of the week to be laundered.

1. **SHORTS** - Black, or Navy Blue. Shorts must be worn on or above the waist and must be at fingertip length. No cutoffs, zippered, buttoned, snapped, or short shorts. Athletic shorts only.
2. **T-SHIRT** - White, Gray, or the Spirit Shirt. No writing on front or back of shirt except for the student's name. T-shirt must have sleeves and neck line must be a crew neck. No V-neck, tank tops, or muscle shirts. Shirts may not be tied.
3. **SOCKS** - White socks, plain.
4. **SHOES** - Athletic or tennis shoes only. No dress shoes, docksides, sandals, cleats, slip-ons, boots etc.
5. **SWEAT SUIT** (Any color is permitted) - The Physical Education uniform must be worn underneath all sweat shirts and sweat pants.
6. **JEWELRY**- No jewelry may be worn to class. Plastic inserts, which can be found in most earring stores, may be placed in a new piercing to keep the hole open while jewelry is removed. This is a safety policy and points will be deducted if jewelry is not removed and the student will not be allowed to participate in class activities.