

## **DRESS CODE**

Students shall be expected to maintain a neat, clean, well-groomed appearance at school. No article of clothing shall be bizarre in style, unsuitable for school activities, nor of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Since school life prepares students to take their place in adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students. The first responsibility for maintaining proper standards belongs to the student or parent, or guardian. The school should deal with the responsibly when the student or parents fail to recognize this need.

The principal shall be the authority in determining the inappropriateness of any feature of clothing or grooming.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

1. Navy blue, red or white three (3) button polo shirt for all schools. Shirts must be tucked in.
2. Long or short sleeve undershirts in the parish colors; must be a solid color, with no lettering or numbers
3. Navy blue or khaki uniform pants.
  - a. No outside stitched pockets
  - b. Must wear belts if they have belt loops on pants
  - c. No capris
  - d. No bell bottoms, cargo pants, or hip huggers
4. Special occasion shirt may be worn on special occasion, controlled by principal.
5. Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade may wear uniform shorts, navy blue or khaki. Pre-K may wear uniform shorts or skirts with elastic waist.
6. Length of uniform skirts, jumpers, dresses, and shorts shall be no shorter than 2 ½ inches above the knee. (The width of a dollar bill)
7. Black or brown leather shoes, or tennis shoes may be worn for all grades.
  - a. No open toe shoes (thong, sandals, etc.)
  - b. Open heeled shoes allowed
  - c. Shoes must be tied or snapped as intended by design
  - d. Shoes must be a matched pair

8. Belts must be worn and should only be one size larger than needed. Colors are black or brown.
9. Jackets that button or zip down the front may be worn. Jackets may have a hood. No trench coats, dusters, or pullovers.
10. Socks, stockings/pantyhose, and tights may be worn in the colors of navy, khaki, white, or flesh tone/black (stocking/pantyhose).
11. Backpacks are to be clear or mesh.
12. Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may wear knit caps on campus in the school colors, not to be worn in the school building and no logos may be printed on the knit caps. (Jackets with a hood may be worn)

### GROOMING

1. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Makeup must not be excessive.
2. Faces will be clean-shaven. Neat, trimmed mustaches are acceptable.
3. Sideburns must not come below the bottom of the ear lobes and must not be excessively flared.
4. Hair rollers, pin curls, or extreme hair styles are inappropriate and will not be allowed.
5. No sunglasses may be worn unless under doctor's orders.
6. Boys are prohibited from wearing any kind of earrings to school.
7. Pants worn below the waist, sagging and showing the underwear, are prohibited.
8. Body piercing is prohibited, except that a girl may wear earrings (limited to 2). Nose rings/studs, tongue rings/studs, cheek rings/studs or eye rings/studs are not permitted.
9. Tinting of hair is limited to natural shades only (blond, black, brunette, or auburn).

### DISCIPLINE

Penalties for violations of the student dress code shall be as follows:

The penalties for the first two violations of the parish dress code shall be determined at the school level. Additional offenses shall remain as follows:

- Third Offense: Student shall be given a one (1) day out of school suspension.
- Fourth Offense: Student shall be given a two (2) day out of school suspension
- Fifth Offense: Student shall be given a two (2) day out of school suspension.
- Sixth Offense: Student shall be recommended for expulsion from regular education and, therefore, recommended to the Franklin Parish Alternative School.

Parents shall be notified of each dress code violation committed by their child by telephone and/or letter.

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