

Dobbins Middle School

Dress Code

2022-2023

Dobbins Middle School students will be expected to be in dress code beginning the first day of school.



Leggings

- Leggings may **NOT** be worn with regular length shirts.
- Leggings **MUST** be worn with a shirt or dress that hits mid thigh and covers the same length all the way around (within the index card rule).
- Leggings **MUST NOT** be thin (similar to tights) material that can be seen through.
- Skinny jeans and skinny pants with pockets are appropriate with regular dress code approved tops.



**Below are examples of outfits
with leggings that are NOT
appropriate
for school wear.**





Above are outfits with leggings that are appropriate to wear to school if the top is to mid-thigh.

Shirts & Blouses

- Shirts and blouses should cover most of the shoulder. Sleeveless apparel with a finished edge may be worn if the garment has a standard size armhole and the width of the strap covers the majority of the shoulder.

- Spaghetti straps, tube tops, one shoulder tops, halter tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, strapless tops, racer back, and backless tops are not appropriate for school wear.

Sheer tops may be worn **ONLY IF** the shirt underneath meets all dress code requirements.

Shirts & Blouses

- **Shirts and blouses must NOT show inappropriate necklines that expose cleavage, low back lines, midriffs, or undergarments. No bare skin should be exposed at the waist, chest, or abdomen area.**
- **Necklines cannot be lower than the straight line from the top of the underarm across to the opposite underarm.**
- **All shirts and tops must be tucked in or overlap the bottom garment (pants, shorts, or skirts).**
- **“Muscle” shirts and tank tops are prohibited on males unless they are worn with another shirt.**

Not Allowed

“Muscle” shirts, tube tops,
one shoulder, halter tops,
and spaghetti straps are
not appropriate for school wear.





Shirts and tops that reveal cleavage, are low cut, show midriff, or are racer back or backless are not appropriate for school wear.





These are
considered acceptable:

Dresses & Skirts

- The shirt and blouse expectations regarding sleeves and necklines also applies to dresses.
- The length of dresses and skirts, including any slit, should be no shorter than the short side of an index card (3 inches from the top of the knee) when standing up straight, front and back.

Index card RULE



Hem Line



About 3 inches



Top of knee



Length of dresses and skirts, including any slits, should be no shorter than the short side of an index card when standing up straight.

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Use this side to measure shorts.
(5 inches)

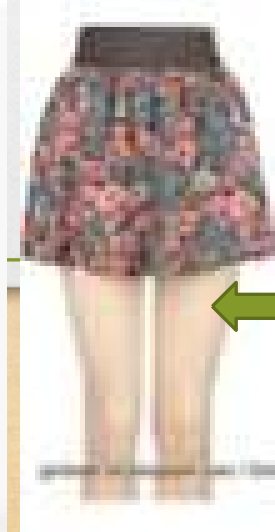
Use this side
to measure
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dresses.
(3 inches)



Inappropriate Attire

You cannot pull down your skirt to lengthen it if it exposes your stomach.

The 3-inch rule should be met in both the front and back of the skirt and dress.



Exposed midriff

Shorts should be no shorter than the long side of an index card (5 inches) from the top of the knee (approximately mid thigh).



The lengths of these examples are *not* acceptable.



Undergarments may NOT be exposed!

All pants, shorts, and skirts shall be worn at the waist, not sagged, and all undergarments **MUST NOT** be visible.

Holes should not expose skin or undergarments above the mid thigh (index card rule).





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Additional Clothing Items That Are Inappropriate for School Wear

- Costumes, pajamas, or slippers.
- Head wear (except for religious reasons): including hats, hoods, sweatbands, bandanas, scarves, baseball caps, picks, and combs.
- Sunglasses.
- Items that promote illegal or offensive activity: clothing which displays obscene words, pictures, or designs, clothing which conveys a sexually suggestive, vulgar, demeaning, or inflammatory remarks, a pro-alcohol, tobacco, or drug related message, or anything symbolic of gangs or disruptive groups.
- Items that can be used as a weapon (i.e. spikes or chains).

Inappropriate Headgear

Students may wear hoodies; however, the hood cannot be over his/her head during the school day inside the building.



Pajamas and slippers are not appropriate for school wear.



Shoes and MISC.

- Shoes **MUST** always be worn . Athletic shoes **MUST** be worn for physical education classes and closed toed shoes may be required for protection in certain educational settings.
- **ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED IN THE ABOVE POLICY MAY BE PROHIBITED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

BE INFORMED!

- Students not in dress code will be asked to attempt to call home to get a change of clothes brought to them.
- Students who are unable to get a change of clothes may be asked to sit in ISS for the day and teachers will provide class work for them to complete.
- Students with habitual dress code violations will be subject to disciplinary action for willful disobedience of district policy.
- Anything that an administrator views as a distraction to the orderly school environment will be addressed.