

(2020 – 2021) STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING - LCSB Policy 5511

A student's apparel and grooming shall be the responsibility of the individual student and his or her parents/guardians. Each student is expected to dress appropriately in such a manner that is respectful to self and others. Dress and grooming shall be clean, healthy and safe, and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Items that when worn together are usually indicative of gang memberships or apparel that contains a message that is obscene or promotes illegal activities, drugs, discrimination, alcohol, or tobacco products shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school sponsored functions. The Cobb Middle School Dress Code Policy is designed to promote safety and good hygiene as well as allow students the convenience of dressing comfortably while at school.

- I. Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses:** Clothing should meet or exceed the fingertips when arms and hands are placed at the side; this also includes slits and holes. ***This rule applies even when leggings or tights are worn underneath.***
- II. Shirts:** Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, stomach, back and sides.
 - a. Cleavage should not be visible.
 - b. Tank tops, tube tops, halters, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top.
 - c. Sheer materials, extremely tight clothing, beachwear, and sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothing are not permitted.
 - d. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. This includes bralettes, camisoles, bandeaus, etc.
 - e. Shirts, tops or blouses must cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, stomach, back and sides when arms are held above the head.
- III. Pants:** Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments (e.g. underwear, boxers, shorts). Any pants with holes or slits that are higher than the fingertips when arms and hands are placed at the side are not permitted.
- IV. Shoes:** Shoes must be worn at all times and conform to the safety requirements of any activity in which the student will take part. Open-toed and backless slides are acceptable if they are sturdy and fit securely. **Bedroom shoes or slippers are not permitted.**
- V. Accessories and Jewelry:** Accessories and jewelry must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing, or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive. They may not depict drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or be indicative of gang membership. Accessories and jewelry must not be capable of causing physical harm.
- VI. Hats and Sunglasses:** Both male and female head coverings and sunglasses are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to hats, beanies, hoods, bandanas, do-rags and caps worn during the school day.

***Special Notes:** Exceptions may be made by administration for special school activities or if the student is a member of a legally recognized religious organization requiring head covering or if there is a legitimate medical necessity. Clothing for special programs (e.g. physical education) is not to be worn in the regular classroom. Uniforms for sports and special activities sponsored by the school and district may be exempt from the Student Dress Code if approved by administration. Any administrator or designee shall make the determination concerning questions regarding the appropriateness of dress for school and for school sponsored functions.

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Our school is committed to consistent and fair implementation of the Dress Code Policy. Students who dress in a manner inconsistent with the approved Dress Code Policy will be sent to **Student Services** and required to make the necessary change(s) to be in Dress Code compliance.

If a change of clothing is not available, the student will be sent to OFI (Opportunities for Improvement) for the remainder of the day.

The 2nd Dress Code Violation –

- (1) Will result in a Level 1 Disciplinary Referral (Dress Code).
- (2) The student will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days.

The 3rd Dress Code Violation –

- (1) Will result in a Level 2 Disciplinary Referral (Defiance).
- (2) The student will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. A hard copy of the Disciplinary Referral will be sent home.

***Hats and Sunglasses will be confiscated and will be available for pick-up by the parent/guardian in the Main Office.**