

Dassa McKinney Dress Guidelines

All students are to be appropriately dressed and groomed. Each student must wear clothing that is not disruptive to the educational process or pose a threat to safety or health. The following guidelines pertain to both male and female students:

1. Shorts and skirts must fall below fingertip length near mid-thigh when standing in normal position with arms at sides. Girls wearing skirts/dresses have been a concern at recess, in P.E. and during assemblies. A pair of shorts to wear under the dress/skirt is suggested. No short shorts or volleyball shorts. Spandex or skin-tight shorts must be covered by a long t-shirt.
2. Clothing, stickers and materials having abusive, racial, violent, rude, obscene language/pictures and/or language/pictures referring to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sex or cults may not be worn in school.
3. Clothing that reveals the body immodestly or reveals undergarments is prohibited. Examples of this type of clothing include, but are not limited to: bare midriff outfits, pajamas, swimsuits, muscle shirts, mesh shirts, cut-off shirts, tube tops, halter tops, see-through blouses, spaghetti strap shirts and razor back shirts.
4. All shirts must meet the following criteria: shirts must be able to be tucked in, must remain tucked in when arms are raised as an indication that midriff will not be revealed, and must be three fingers in width, covering the back and shoulders, when it comes to tank top straps.
5. Pants should be worn at the natural waistline and must not drag the ground or be excessively large. There should be no writing or prints on the seat of the pants. Clothing may not contain significant holes, rips and/or tears above the index finger tips. Leggings may be worn under long shirts, as long as, the tunic is fingertip length when standing at normal position with arms at sides.
6. Hats, scarves, gloves and sunglasses are to be worn only outside of the building unless with special permission. Bandanas or any other head coverings are prohibited. (Hats, scarves, or bandanas can only be worn if they represent a verified religious practice or they are health related.) Hoods on hooded sweatshirts must be kept down while indoors.
7. For physical education classes, students are required to wear tennis shoes. Comfortable pants and shirts are advised. Girls are permitted to wear shorts underneath dresses.
8. Shoes must be well fitting and stable. Unstable high heels, toy shoes designed for playing dress-up, bedroom slippers, shoes with metal cleats or shoes with wheels cannot be worn to school. It is suggested that flip-flops and dress shoes not be worn at recess.
9. Jewelry must be worn as intended. It should not be excessive or distracting. Spiked jewelry presents a safety hazard and is not permitted.
10. Any type of body art/excessive make-up/tattoos/hair dye must adhere to the school regulations pertaining to attire. Full face paint is not permitted.
11. Chains hanging from pants or other articles of clothing, along with animal collars, are not allowed.
12. Jackets or coats are not permitted to be worn during school hours.
13. For reasons of health and safety, additional restrictions may be required for students participating in certain activities or classes. These restrictions will be determined by the person in charge of the activity or class and reviewed by the building principal.
14. Any other clothing or personal item that may be determined to be a disruption/distraction in class/school will be handled on an individual basis. Realizing the fact that fashions continually change, the school principal has the discretion to be the final authority in all issues regarding student attire.

The teacher will send a Dress Code/ Inappropriate Item Reminder Form home with a student wearing inappropriate attire in an attempt to inform the child's parent/guardian. If a student continues to wear inappropriate clothing after a verbal warning from the teacher and parent notification, the student will be referred to the office. The principal or building head will notify the parent/guardian by phone or letter if necessary. Students will be given an opportunity to correct inappropriate dress code violations (i.e. turning an offensive t-shirt inside out). If it is something that the student is unable to correct at school, a parent or guardian will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing to school. Further infractions of the Dress Code will be punished by detention and /or suspension depending on the circumstances.