

CENMS DRESS CODE 2022-23

Each district school board shall adopt a dress code policy that prohibits a student, while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day, from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. (F.S. 1006.07)

The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy and guidelines contained herein. The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final as long as it does not contradict official district policy listed herein or elsewhere.

These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored transportation.

- Students must wear clothing that has fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms) and shoes
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms)
- Shirts must have straps
- Clothing must cover undergarments (this includes straps and waistbands)
- Fabric covering chests, genitals and buttocks must be opaque
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop and other activities where unique hazards exist
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment:

- Any clothing that exposes underwear, body parts and/or skin in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Any clothing that substantially disrupts the school environment or causes safety concerns
- Any clothing that depicts profanity, drugs, violent images or vulgarity in any form
- Any clothing that depicts sexually implicit or explicit images
- Any clothing that depicts gang-related images, indicates gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation
- Wallet chains, spiked jewelry, dog collars or similar items
- Slippers or similar shoes
- Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, etc.)
- Hats, bandanas or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)

Regulations Regarding the Wearing of Items and/or Clothing that Conceal Identity

- A student's identity must be readily recognizable by school staff at all times during the school-day, or when the student is engaged in a school-sponsored activity.
- No items or clothing, or any combinations of such, may be worn in a manner that conceals the wearer's face. Face coverings such as ski masks, gas masks, Halloween masks, costume masks, ninja masks, pantyhose, full face masks, hoods (including hoods from sweatshirts or jackets commonly referred to as "hoodies" or other face coverings that obstruct a wearer's vision or face or identity are not allowed absent a legally protected right that has been approved in writing by the school's Principal or the District's Equity Officer.
- Students may utilize an appropriate face-covering (such as a medical mask, surgical mask, scarf, bandanna, fishing buff, and other items made of a suitable and safe material that will cover the wearer's nose and mouth and prevent or reduce the release of respiratory droplets from the wearer's mouth or nose) for the purposes of health-related concerns.
- Student's must comply with the directive of all school staff members to remove any and all items or clothing set forth above so that the student's identity can be readily revealed and recognized. This would include the temporary removal of an appropriate face covering being utilized for health concerns so that a student's identity can be confirmed.
- During times of inclement weather, a Principal may modify or suspend application of these provisions when doing so is in the best interest of the student body's health, safety, and welfare.