

CENMS DRESS CODE 2023-24

Rules of Dress and Appearance

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. Principals may add additional dress code guidelines unique to their school. These changes must be reasonable in scope, consistent with guidelines contained herein and elsewhere in district policy and the school must give parent/guardians adequate notice of said changes. Parents should be provided notice beginning-of-year or at least three weeks prior to the initiation of any new policy.

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 and extend to the waist**
- **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, woodshop 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 or alcohol, 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)**