DCSS HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE  DESCRIPTIVE CODE: JCDB-R(1)

The Douglas County School District dress code requires students to dress "in a manner that is conducive to a good learning environment."

In the selection of school dress, parents and students should exercise good taste and good judgment. Many "fads" in dress are not appropriate for school. Therefore, student dress should reflect neatness, cleanliness and should not distract or cause disruption in the educational process of school.

***The school administration reserves the right to determine if a student's dress is too casual, too revealing, or too distracting from the learning environment to be considered appropriate for school.***

The health and safety of all students will be taken into consideration when making decisions regarding appropriate/inappropriate attire.

APPROVED FOR SCHOOL WEAR:

● Pants: Pants that are size appropriate worn at the waist so as not to reveal undergarments.

● Shorts: Shorts that are size appropriate and worn at the waist, minimum inseam of 3.5".

● Skirts and dresses: Skirts must be size and length appropriate and worn at the waistline.

● Shirts and blouses: Long or short sleeved, dress shirt, T-shirt, polo type shirt, sweaters and sweatshirts which are size appropriate. Shirt must be below the belt line so as not to reveal the stomach/midriff.

● Shoes: All students must wear appropriate shoes at all times. No “house slippers”

● Undergarments: Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. Undergarments of any type must not be exposed at any time.

● Accessories: Belts are optional and, if worn, are to be proper length.

NOT APPROVED FOR SCHOOL WEAR and subject to discipline:

● Pants with holes that reveal undergarments or pockets
● See-through clothing;
● Sleeveless shirts, dresses, halter tops, tank tops and spaghetti straps that don’t fully cover the chest and/or midriff;
● Deep-scooped necklines to do not properly cover chest;
● Clothing that shows the bare midriff, bare back or the bare shoulders;
● Rubber and/or metal cleats, bare feet; pajamas, bedroom shoes, or other sleepwear;
● Articles of clothing which advertise or display the symbols of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages;
● Clothing which displays or implies profane, vulgar, obscene or racially offensive language, symbols or sexual innuendo;
● Emblems, insignias, writing, graphics, pictures, badges, tattoos or other symbols where the effect thereof is to unreasonably attract the attention or cause disruption of a class or disruption or interference with the operation of the school;
● Hats, sunglasses and caps, visors, skull caps, do rags, headbands and bandanas etc. (All hats and caps shall be properly stored during the school day).
● Hoods of any type must not be pulled up on head.
● Chains hanging from wallets or clothing; dog collars or electronic belt buckles.
● Display or wearing of any gang articles, paraphernalia or clothing that can be construed as being gang related (e.g., bandanas, sweat bands, head rags, T-shirts, jerseys, jackets, etc.);
● Jewelry that is offensive; distracts or is studded or pointed, including “grills” and heavy chains;
● Any hairstyle or coloring and body piercings which causes a distraction to the learning environment;
● Clothing worn in a manner inconsistent with the intended design (ex.: exposure of clothing designed and sold as undergarments, rolled up pants legs, bandanas used as belts, etc.).
● Costumes or parts of costumes

Exceptions:
● Uniforms for school related activities are acceptable if approved by school administrators.
Female cheerleaders must wear warm-ups under cheerleading uniforms except during games and pep rallies.
● School administrators may alter the dress code for special occasions or extracurricular activities.
● Parents of students who require an exemption from the dress code for religious, cultural, or short-term medical reasons may make an application to the principal.

Consequences for failure to comply:
The administration will determine consequences. These may include dress modification, parent notification, detention, or In School Suspension. Refusal to comply with the dress code, repeated offenses, or violations of severe nature may result in a higher degree of discipline.

The Student Handbook shall serve as first notice of Dress Code Policy. The school administration may require more restrictive requirements in their local school dress code, with reasonable notification.

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