



Deerlake Middle School Dress Code 2017-2018

At Deerlake Middle School we strive to promote a Blue Ribbon environment by encouraging our students to be at their best on a daily basis. Appropriate attire is a key component that can limit distractions and enhance the teaching and learning environment. The Deerlake dress code is designed to promote safety and good hygiene as well as allow students the convenience of dressing comfortably while at school. Suitable attire and grooming is the responsibility of the individual student and his or her parents or guardians. Encouraging students to dress appropriately for school will prepare them to be productive members of society. Dress Code violations will be addressed immediately or a parent will be called to bring appropriate attire for the student to wear. Multiple violations will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Dress Code:

1. **Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Dresses:** Clothing should reach or exceed the end of the middle finger when the arms and hands are placed at the side, including slits and holes. This rule applies even when leggings or tights are worn underneath.

Shirts: Shirts, tops, jackets, dresses or blouses must have a shoulder seam of at least 3 inches wide and should cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, back, sides and mid-section, including when arms are raised. Cleavage should not be visible. Tank tops, tube tops, halters, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top. See through materials, extremely tight clothing, beach wear, and sleepwear/pajamas/bedroom clothes are not appropriate for school dress. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.

Pants: Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments. (underwear, boxers, shorts, etc.) Yoga pants or pants made from stretchy material are not allowed unless worn with a top that reaches or exceeds the tip of the middle finger when arms and hands are placed at the side. Any pants with holes, slits or cut-outs that reveal flesh that are higher than the end of the middle finger when arms and hands are placed at the side are not permitted.

*(Florida's Sagging Pants Law) requires school boards to adopt dress codes barring clothes that "expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner."

2. **Hats:** Head coverings are not permitted. This includes but is not limited to hats, hoods, bandannas, do-rags, caps and sunglasses worn during the school day. Exceptions may be made by the principal 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.
3. **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.
4. **Electronic Devices:** Electronic devices should be turned off and stored in a locker, backpack, or purse during designated hours. (8:45 – 3:50) Electronic devices are not to be carried on the student's person and are subject to confiscation if visible during the designated times. Confiscated items will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian in the front office.

As per Leon County School Board Policy 3.06, students should not wear items of apparel that when worn together are usually indicative of gang membership. Clothing, jewelry, or personal possessions that is obscene or promotes illegal activities, drugs, racism, alcohol, violence, tobacco products or sex is not permissible on the school grounds or at any school sponsored activity. Items capable of causing injury or damage to property (i.e. large metal belts, shoes with wheels, shoes or jewelry with spikes, chains hanging from the body or clothing/wallets, etc) will not be permitted.

Clothing for special programs (i.e. 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 the administration. Any administrator or designee shall make the determination concerning questions regarding the appropriateness of dress for school and for school sponsored functions. This dress code is in compliance with Leon County School Board policy 3.06. To review the county policy, refer to the Code of Conduct.