

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

DRESS AND GROOMING:

A student's wearing apparel and grooming shall be the responsibility of the individual student and his or her parents or guardian. Dress and grooming shall be clean, healthy and safe and shall not be permitted to disrupt the teaching/learning environment.

Schools may choose to encourage students to wear appropriate shirts of the school color(s) and school promotional T-Shirts to foster a healthy school environment and team spirit. In schools where the Board has approved uniform dress policies specific to the school, such policies will supersede the following dress and grooming policy (Emerald Coast Middle, Freeport Middle, Freeport High and Seaside). These policies will provide proper decorum for the school environment.

For both male and female students, appropriate and acceptable dress includes:

SECONDARY ONLY

- **Pants**, jeans, long slacks, or capris (*below the knee*)
- **Shorts, skirts and dresses** that are at the knee
- **Approved shirts** include crew neck T-shirts, polo shirts, or button-up shirts. All shirts must have sleeves and cover the midriff. No V-neck shirts or zipper-front shirts are allowed. When layered shirts are worn, the first layer must meet the approved shirt definition.
- **All** visible garments including layered garments must be in accordance with the dress code
- **Shoes** will be worn at all times
- **Sunglasses, hats and other sun-protective wear** will be allowed to be worn outside only
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ELEMENTARY ONLY

- **Pants**, jeans, long slacks, or capris (below the knee)
- **Shorts, skirts and dresses** that approach the knee
- **Shirts** that cover the midriff, but **no spaghetti straps, halters or backless shirts allowed**
- **All** visible garments including layered garments, must be in accordance with the dress code
- **Shoes** will be worn at all times. No heels or platform shoes greater than one inch
- **Sunglasses, hats and other sun-protective wear** will be allowed to be worn outside only

SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY

The following are **NOT** appropriate for the school environment and are **NOT** acceptable:

- Pants that drop below the waist
- Holes in garments above the knees which expose the flesh
- Heelies (shoes with wheels), shoes with cleats or bedroom shoes
- Hats in the school building
- Items that worn together are indicative of gang membership
- Garments containing a message that is obscene, racist, or promotes illegal activities, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products
- Pajamas (pants or tops)
- Leggings, spandex, or tights are not permitted unless worn with an outer garment that complies with dress code requirements.
- The wearing of any clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.

Students enrolled in special programs such as on the job vocational training, or participating in school activities which require additional standards of dress or grooming shall comply with such additional standards.