

DeKalb County Schools Dress Code

1. An article of clothing that is more than four inches above the knee would be considered inappropriate for school. **PRINCIPALS SHALL REVOKE THE PRIVILEGE OF WEARING SHORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO REPEATEDLY VIOLATE THIS POLICY** (First Violation/Student Conference; Second Violation/Parent Conference; Third Violation/Student's privilege of wearing shorts revoked.)
2. Clothing that exposes the midriff and/or undergarments, including but not limited to halter tops, tank tops, mini-skirts, and baggy pants, are inappropriate. There should be no bare midriff evident when reaching up or bending over. There shall be no "spaghetti" straps, baggy or low riding pants worn by students while in school or participating in school activities. No clothing should have holes anywhere above the knee.
3. Clothing or jewelry including "jelly bracelets" with sexually suggestive, profane, or vulgar themes or that promote gang-related activity is prohibited. Symbols of racial, ethnic, or religious hatred are prohibited. "Gothic attire" is not considered appropriate school attire and is prohibited.
4. Hats, caps, bandannas, or other head coverings, and sunglasses (for both male and female) are considered inappropriate attire to be worn inside school building. Principals may grant an exception based on certain medical conditions or other compelling reasons.
5. Skintight clothing, inappropriately worn, or revealing as to provoke or distract other students is disruptive and unacceptable.
6. Shoes and sandals must be worn. Shoes that mark or damage floors will not be permitted.
7. Clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco products or any illegal drug may not be worn to school.
8. All clothing should be in good taste for the age, maturity, and size of the child. Any apparel which renders one's appearance as sexually suggestive or indecent is prohibited. "Sagging" attire is not permitted.
9. Trench coats, overcoats, dusters or any bulky style coat may not be worn during the school day.
10. Book bags and/ or backpacks must be clear or made of mesh material.
11. Students are not permitted to wear pins, rings, or studs in their nose, eyebrows, tongue, or other parts of the face, hand or stomach. Body piercing of this manner is not consistent with the learning environment appropriate for our schools. No metal or plastic "spacers" for pierced body parts are allowed.
12. Billfold chains, dog-chain necklaces, animal collar necklaces, spike wristbands or necklaces and other provocative jewelry are prohibited.

13. The hair of students should be neat, clean, and well groomed. Extreme colors (exotic/unusual), spiking, and other provocative styles are prohibited.

14. If the principal determines that the student's dress or grooming is unacceptable, adequate time shall be allowed the student to make proper adjustments. However, if a student continues to ignore the directive of the principal concerning the dress code, he/she shall be subject to disciplinary action.

15. Students are to come to school dressed for the business of learning. Students are expected to adhere to certain standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a productive and safe school environment. A student's appearance, mode of dress or condition of personal hygiene will not be permitted to disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to the health or safety of others. When, in the judgement of the school principal, a student's dress or appearance is such a disruption or threat, the student may be required to make necessary modifications.

Full Code of Conduct; <https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/documents/code-of-conduct/2022-2023/2022-2023-dcsd-code-of-student-conduct.pdf>

Georgia law (O.G.C.A. 20-2-735) requires that all local boards of education adopt a student code of conduct including standards of student behavior and disciplinary action for students who violate the code of conduct. Georgia law also requires school systems to provide an opportunity for parental involvement in developing and updating student codes of conduct. Local boards of education shall provide for the distribution of student codes of conduct to each student upon enrollment and to the parents and guardians of each student. Signatures may be solicited from students, parents, and guardians in acknowledgement of the receipt of the student codes of conduct.