



Sebastian Middle School Dress Code 20 -21



As found in the Student Code of Conduct / Page 14

Student Dress Code

The dress and grooming of St. Johns County Public Schools students shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual, promote a positive educational environment and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. Because inappropriate clothing worn by a student is detrimental to the school program, the wearing of garments suitable for school shall be encouraged. All faculty and administrative staff shall be on the alert to give positive guidance in these matters, without embarrassment to the student.

These rules on personal appearance of students are intended to enable the students of St. Johns County Public Schools to dress casually but reasonably. However, the school principal is final authority with regard to the appropriateness of student dress. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to pre-empt the principal's authority to act in specific cases when, in the principal's judgment and discretion a student's dress threatens to disrupt the educational process or the good order and discipline of the school or is otherwise inappropriate.

All Students

- Personal attire shall not be worn to school if it creates a safety issue within the learning environment. Personal attire may be in the style of the day, but clothing that is, revealing, or distracting in character is unacceptable. Clothing, piercings, and accessories shall not be worn if they display profanity, violence, discriminatory, sexually suggestive phrases, advertisements, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
- In accordance with statutory requirements, and as more particularly specified in the standards for boys and girls below, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner.
- Head coverings, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, hair curlers and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn on campus unless required by a physician or authorized by school administration.
- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school and elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel. High school students may wear backless shoes; however, bedroom slippers and footwear

commonly considered as beachwear is prohibited. (For example, beach sandals, or other such beach shoes, will not be allowed in school).

- Hair shall be clean and well combed or brushed. Extreme hairstyles will not be acceptable.
- Skirts, dresses, shorts, baggies, culottes, no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee, are acceptable. Skirts shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee worn with leggings or tights are not acceptable.
- Gang graffiti will not be drawn or on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- Tank tops and shirts are not acceptable except in physical education classes.
- Any student who attends First Coast Technical College must follow dress code regulations established by each occupational department of the F.C.T.C. (i.e., safety clothing, protective garments, and business attire).

Standards: Boys

- Boy's pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No boxer shorts or underwear may be visible.
- Mustaches and beards shall be neatly trimmed.
- Revealing clothing and pajamas are not acceptable.

Standards: Girls

- Tops and shirts must cover the entire shoulder and they must be modest and not revealing or distracting. Midriff or "cut-out" dresses and "cut out" tops may not be worn. Extremely short skirts not allowed. Skirts must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee. Revealing clothing, pajamas and lingerie are not acceptable. Underwear must not be exposed.
- Hair curlers and excessive make-up shall not be permitted.
- Girls' pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No underwear may be exposed.

Enforcement and Waiver

- The principals or designees will determine the appropriateness of attire.
- For special events and occasions, principals may grant requests to modify this policy for their particular school.
- The School Advisory Council may recommend, and the Superintendent may grant an individual school's request to deviate from dress requirements. Examples include requiring school uniforms, all shirts shall be tucked in, no shorts, pants must have belts, etc.