

W.R. Davie DRESS CODE

Policy Code: 4316 Student Dress Code and Uniforms

The board believes a safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a good school. The dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students, the board prohibits any appearance or clothing that does the following: violates the school system's dress code developed by the superintendent and adopted in accordance with this policy and publicized by each school;

- is substantially disruptive;
- is provocative or obscene; or
- endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

A. Student Dress Code

The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning and displays good judgment as it relates to age, developmental stages, and body type. Student school attire should be neat, clean, properly fitted and suitable for the learning environment. The following is acceptable under the dress code policy:

1. **Bottoms, Jumpers, Dresses, Pants, Capris, Walking Shorts, Skorts, and Skirts**
 - a. Bottoms should not show excessive skin. Distressed jeans are allowable below the knee.
 - b. Bottoms should be sized appropriately, including waist and length, with undergarments **NOT** exposed.
 - c. Dresses, jumpers, shorts, skorts and skirts must be of modest length. The length of these items may not be above the student's fingertips when the student's arms are relaxed at his/her side.
 - d. If belts are worn, they must not be oversized and must be buckled
 - e. Leggings, jeggings, and bicycle shorts are **NOT** allowed.
2. **Shirts and Tops**
 - a. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Students may wear t-shirts or camisoles that are solid in color underneath his/ her top.
 - b. Shirts and tops should have an appropriate neckline and obvious shoulder line.
 - c. Clothing displaying obscene language and/or promoting illegal activity is not allowed
 - d. See Halifax County Schools Board Policy 4326, Gang-related Activity Section A, for restrictions on clothing related to gangs.

3. **Shoes**

- a. Footwear should fit securely on the feet and must be worn at all times.
- b. Shoes should be appropriate for school activities such as P.E. classes, recess, ROTC, science labs, etc.
- c. **No** bedroom slippers or slip-on shoes allowed including slides and Bubble Slides.
- d. CROCS can be worn with the ***straps on the heels*** at all times.

4. **Outerwear**

- a. Hoodies and hooded jackets may not have the hood covering the head while in the school building. Violation of this may result in not being allowed to wear hoodies to school.
- b. Hats, toboggans, head scarves, sunglasses, etc. must **not** be worn in the school building.
- c. Bandanas, skull caps, sweatbands, etc. should **not** be worn to school.

B. **Exceptions to Dress Code Policy**

1. **Religious or Medical Waivers**

- a. Reasonable consideration will be made for those students who, because of sincerely held religious beliefs or medical reasons, request a waiver of a particular requirement for dress or appearance.
- b. Written waiver requests must be submitted on an annual basis. In considering a waiver request, the principal or designee may request additional documentation from medical officials and/or religious leaders.

2. **Special Activity Accommodation**

- a. The principal shall make reasonable accommodations for students involved in special duties, activities, or projects approved by the school. Such special duties, activities, and projects include, but are not be limited to, athletics, P.E. classes, and other activities that require non-conforming dress on a school campus during the school day.
- b. Students who are taking classes that require a special dress code (such as JROTC or career and technical education internships) may wear that clothing to other classes.

Disciplinary Consequences

Upon arrival at school out of dress code, students will be sent to ISS. There, they will be allowed the opportunity to call home for a change of clothes. A student out of dress code will remain in ISS until a change of clothes is brought. Once a student has received proper dress, they will then be allowed to go to classes as normal. The situation will be documented. On the second offense, the student will remain in ISS the entire day. On the

third offense, the student will stay in ISS the entire day and will receive 1 day of OSS. OSS will increase after the third offense.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-47](#), [-390.2](#)

Cross References: Student Behavior Policies (policy [4300](#)), School Plan for Management of Student Behavior (policy 4302), Disruptive Behavior (policy [4315](#)), Gang-Related Activity (policy 4328)

- 1st offense -Parent phone call & ISS Until clothes are brought
- 2nd offense -Parent phone call & ISS the whole day
- 3rd offense-ISS the whole day & the student may not return without a parent conference
- 4th offense - 1 Day OSS