

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Guidelines for acceptable good grooming should be taught and enforced in the home by the parents as part of their responsibility in training their children for responsible citizenship.

The policy of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board shall be that no mode of attire shall be considered proper for school wear that disrupts the classroom and/or the school's positive learning environment. In questions regarding student dress and grooming, the principal or his/her designee of each school shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided.

Students shall be expected to responsible in their dress and grooming by maintaining a neat, clean, well-groomed appearance at school. No article of clothing shall be bizarre in style, unsuitable for school activities, nor of a nature to call undue attention to the wearer. Since school life prepares students to take their place in adult life, these primary requirements are expected of all students. The first responsibility for maintaining proper standards belongs to the student and parents, or guardian. The school should deal with this responsibility when the student or parents fail to recognize this need.

The School Board shall not exclude a student on account of a natural, protective or cultural hairstyle. *Natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle* shall include, but is not limited to, afros, dreadlocks, twists, locs, braids, cornrow braids, Bantu knots, curls, and hair styled to protect hair texture or for cultural significance.

NOTIFICATION

The School Board shall notify the parent or guardian of each student of the dress code specifications and their effective date. The dress code shall be distributed in written form or posted on the school's website annually.

If the School Board modifies the existing uniform policy, it shall notify in writing the parent or guardian of each student of the policy adoption or uniform policy modification at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the new or revised policy. Each school shall display any uniform selected for a reasonable period prior to the proposed effective date for wearing of the uniform.

However, nothing shall prohibit the School Board from requiring a new or revised dress code or uniform policy without the required notice in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this policy, *emergency* shall mean an actual or imminent threat to health or safety which may result in loss of life, injury, or property damage.

BODY ARMOR

Current legislation prohibits body armor. It shall be unlawful and against School Board policy for any student or non-student to wear or possess on his/her person, at any time, body armor on any School Board property, school campus, at a school-sponsored function, on a school bus or other school transportation, or in a firearm-free zone, with limited exceptions as enumerated in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9, which includes permitting a student to wear, carry, or possess a backpack on school property or a school bus that has bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

School-sponsored functions shall include, but not be limited to, athletic competitions, dances, parties, or any extracurricular activities. A firearm-free zone means any area within one thousand feet of any school campus and within a school bus wherein the possession of firearms is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§14:95.2(C) and 14:95.6(B).

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JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students in Jefferson Davis Parish Schools (Grades Pre-K - 12) shall be required to wear uniforms to class. Parents/guardians shall be responsible for purchasing uniforms. Uniforms shall be worn as follows:

CLOTHING ITEM, ETC.	ALL SCHOOLS	SCHOOL SPECIFIC SCHOOL PRIDE POLO COLORS
<p><u>SHIRTS</u></p> <p>Principal approved spirit shirt Polo/Golf or Oxford Style (Oxford, Knit or Broadcloth)</p> <p>Short or long sleeves, with collar, no exposed labels or logos. Shirts must be tucked.</p>	<p>White Hunter Green Navy Blue</p>	<p>Maroon</p> <p>Elton High Elton Elem. James Ward Elem. Jennings Elem. Jennings High</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Lacassine High Lake Arthur Elem. Lake Arthur High Welsh Elem. Welsh -Roanoke Welsh High</p> <p>Royal Blue</p>

		Hathaway High Fenton
<p><u>PANTS OR SHORTS (BOYS)</u></p> <p>Uniform khaki or navy blue pants or shorts, no exposed labels or logos Pleats optional, cuffed or hemmed No outside pockets (sewed on) or rivets Shorts not more than 3 inches above to 3 inches below the knee PreK – 2 may wear pants or shorts with elastic waists.</p> <p><u>PANTS/SHORTS/SKORTS/JUMPERS GIRLS)</u></p> <p>Pants/Shorts/Skorts/Jumpers: Uniform khaki or navy blue pants, Capris, or shorts, no exposed labels or logos Pleats optional, cuffed or hemmed No outside pockets (sewed on) or rivets Shorts not more than 3 inches above to 3 inches below the knee Approved Plaid #44, uniform khaki or navy blue skirts, skorts, jumpers-with blouse or shorts Not more than 3 inches above to 3 inches below the knee PreK – 2 may wear pants or shorts with elastic waists.</p> <p>No oversized clothing will be allowed. Pants must fit at the waist. No "low riders." Drawstring pants, cargo pants, carpenter pants, jogger's, and sweat pants are also prohibited. Shirts will be tucked in properly. No outside rivets or sewed-on pockets are allowed.</p>	<p>Khaki Navy Blue</p> <p>Plaid #44 Khaki Navy Blue</p>	
<p><u>SOCKS</u></p> <p>Socks (or stockings or leggings for the girls) must be solid colors of white, khaki, hunter green, black, grey, or navy blue. Girls may wear leggings under their dress, skort, skirt, shorts of the appropriate length, not more</p>	<p>White Khaki Hunter Green Black Grey Navy Blue</p>	

than 3 inches above to 3 inches below the knee.		
<u>FOOTWEAR</u> Slippers, sandals, or flip-flops are not acceptable. Shoes must have enclosed backs. Lace-up Croc style shoes are acceptable.		
<u>BELTS</u> All students must wear plain belts of solid leather or fabric (brown, black, hunter green, khaki, grey, or navy blue) if pants have loops. No decorations are allowed on belts. Buckles must be plain.	Brown Black Hunter Green Khaki Grey Navy Blue	
<u>UNDERSHIRTS/TURTLENECKS</u> Undershirts/turtlenecks must be a solid color of white, khaki, hunter green, black, grey, or navy blue with no monograms, no name-brands, and no logos. Undershirts/turtlenecks do not take the place of a uniform shirt.	White Khaki Hunter Green Black Grey Navy Blue	
<u>SWEATSHIRTS/1/4 ZIPPED/BUTTONED</u> Sweatshirts or 1/4 zipped/buttoned pullovers, if worn, must be either hunter green, navy blue, khaki, black, grey or white. Uniform shirt collar must be visible under a sweatshirt. No hoodies or pullovers are allowed.	Hunter Green Navy Blue Khaki Black Grey White	
<u>JACKETS/VEST/SWEATERS</u> Seasonal Clothing –Jackets, sweaters and vests should come to mid-thigh or higher. No emblems or logos will be allowed except for school approved club, spirit, or letter jackets. Jackets, sweaters or vests, if worn, must be a solid color either hunter green, navy blue, khaki, black, grey, or white. Uniform shirt collar must be worn under a sweater or vest. Any other jacket will be approved at the discretion of the school principal.	HUNTER GREEN NAVY BLUE KHAKI BLACK GREY WHITE	
<u>HOODS, CAPS, OR HATS</u>		

May not be worn inside buildings.		
<u>EARRINGS</u> Only the wearing of one pair of stud earrings shall be allowed for students. No “spacers” or “gauges” are allowed in school. Visible body piercing is prohibited. (Example: nose, lips, tongue, eyebrows, etc.) Students shall be allowed to wear chains or necklaces provided the necklace is underneath the uniform shirt.		
<u>HAIR</u> Hair shall be neat, clean, and out of the eyes. No hair designs, color or style causing undue attention shall be allowed. Only naturally occurring hair colors are allowed.		
<u>FACIAL HAIR</u> Male students may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and sideburns can extend to the lobe of the ears. Beards are not allowed.		
<u>MATERNITY CLOTHING</u> Is allowed and must be approved by the principal.		
<u>TATTOOS</u> Obscene, disturbing, or inappropriate tattoos must be covered.		
<u>BACK PACK/BOOK SACK</u> La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:95.9 permits a student to wear, carry or possess a backpack on school property or a school bus that has bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily harm.		

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who violate the dress code shall be disciplined in accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*.

A student enrolled in grades prekindergarten through five shall not be suspended or expelled from school or suspended from riding on any school bus for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies.

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1972); Board minutes, 12-16-99, 12-14-00, 4-17-08, 2-19-09, 9-16-10, 10-18-12, 9-17-15, 6-21-18, 7-19-18, 8-18-22, 5-11-23.