

DeKalb County School System

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Dress Code Procedures

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The atmosphere of a school must be conducive to learning. A student's appearance can positively or negatively impact the climate of a school. Students must adhere to DeKalb School System dress code requirements. Students who fail to comply with the DeKalb School System dress code requirements, as enumerated below, may be charged with Offense **#25 – Student Dress Code Violation (see page 28):**

- Students are expected to follow all school rules governing safety in specialized programs that may require the wearing of protective clothing, safety glasses, or other similar requirements.
- Clothing or jewelry that disrupts the educational process or endangers the health or safety of other students, staff or visitors is prohibited.
- The wearing of clothing, insignia, symbols, or adornments worn or carried on or about a student which promote gangs, the use of controlled substances, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is prohibited.
- The wearing of clothing which shows offensive and/or vulgar words, pictures, diagrams, drawings, or includes words or phrases of a violent nature, a disruptive nature, a sexual nature, or words or phrases that are derogatory regarding a person's ethnic background, color, race, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.

The wearing of pants below the waist line, bare midriffs, halter tops/tank tops, tops/blouses revealing cleavage, short shorts, net/see through garments, flip-flops, between-the-toe shoes without heels, bedroom shoes, or other footwear that interferes with freedom of movement and dresses, pants, or skirts with high splits is prohibited. **Note: Students/Parents are urged to review local school handbooks for any additional requirements related to student dress.**

25. STUDENT DRESS CODE VIOLATION

All students are expected to adhere to the expectations of appropriate dress as indicated on page 6 of this handbook and any additional requirements listed in local school regulations.

The following applies to all student dress code violations:

Number of Offenses	Actions of the School
First Offense	Verbal Reprimand, Contact Parent and In-School Suspension (ISS) until End of Day or Correction of the Violation
Second Offense	Required Parent Conference and two (2) Days ISS
Third Offense	Contact Parent, three (3) Days ISS and Local Formal Hearing, which may result in up to ten (10) days ISS, Local Probation and/or parent attend classes with student in lieu of ISS. Chronic violation of this expectation will result in the charge of #19a – Repeated Violation of School Rules and a possible referral to an alternative setting upon a finding of guilty by the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee.

Implementation will begin with the 2009-2010 school year.

“The School Cannot Live Apart From The Community”