

# Code of Student Conduct For Elementary Schools 2009-2010

## DRESS CODE

The dress code and grooming of Alachua County Public School students shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual, promote a positive education environment, and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school.

STUDENT	<b><u>Responsibilities</u></b>
	➤ <i>To come to school fully clothed and wear clothes and accessories which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.</i>
	➤ <i>To dress in a way that does not reveal any private body areas, is not offensive to others or inappropriate at school and at school-sponsored events.</i>
	➤ <i>To adhere to your school's dress code. Specific dress code requirements may be developed by individual schools.</i>
	<b><u>Rights</u></b>
➤ <i>To wear clothes of your choice, or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety and do not disrupt the learning environment.</i>	
➤ <i>To learn without being offended or distracted by the way other students are dressed.</i>	

Appropriate attire should be worn as follows:

- Skirts, shorts, dresses, and culottes must be "mid thigh". Mid thigh is determined by extending the arms to the sides of the body and finding the tip of the longest finger (using normal posture).
- All clothing must be the appropriate size. The waist of the garment must be worn at the top of the hip or waist.
- Shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments, including bra straps, at all times. Shirts and blouses should be appropriately fastened with no visible cleavage.
- Shoes must be safe and appropriate for school.

The following is not appropriate attire for school:

- Pajamas, sleep pants, saggy/baggy pants
- Tights and spandex garments worn alone
- Exposed underwear; undergarments may not be visible. This includes boxer shorts.
- Swim wear, unless part of supervised sports
- Clothing that is torn or has areas cut out after purchase
- Clothing promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, and/or sexual behavior

- Hats or other head coverings worn during the school day without permission of the principal/designee
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside the school building
- Bedroom slippers

Certain clothing accessories may not be worn. You may not carry or wear accessories that may be potentially dangerous, including, but not limited to, heavy chains, spiked arm bands, spiked necklaces, and other sharp objects.

Where there is a difference of opinion regarding interpretation of the standard of dress, the principal or the principal's designee shall determine whether or not the dress is appropriate.

**NOTE:** A school may establish a uniform dress policy which requires that you wear the school's uniform. Refusal to comply with such a uniform dress code policy is a violation of this code.