

DRESS CODE

The Fort Campbell Schools' dress code is designed to insure the health and safety of students, to avoid distractions to the educational process, and to preserve the basic rights of the individual. Students are expected to comply with the dress code policy and have grooming that neither distracts from the learning atmosphere of our schools nor interferes with the instructional process. Careful grooming of hair, cleanliness, and appropriate dress are important factors in the student's development of a wholesome personality, positive self-concept, and acceptance by others. In addition, attire and grooming influence the behavior of students. New students will have two weeks grace to come into code, but should approximate it as best they can during that time.

The administration reserves the right to prohibit a particular item of clothing if it is not specifically covered by this policy but is deemed to cause sufficient concerns. If there is a question as to the appropriateness of certain apparel, the student should ask before wearing a garment that might be determined as inappropriate. Parents as well as students are responsible for compliance with the dress code. Students who come to class in unsuitable dress, as determined by any faculty member, may be sent to the office to make arrangements for obtaining proper clothing from home.

The following is guidance from the Fort Campbell Schools' *Code of Conduct*:

(All students must be in compliance with the dress code throughout the school day.)

Students are expected to dress appropriately and in a way that is consistent with a positive learning environment, that does not interfere with the educational performance of other students or that causes a health or safety problem. Apparel worn to school should be neat and clean and should not disrupt the teaching/learning experience. Items of clothing displaying language that is vulgar or obscene or clothing that promotes or depicts drugs, alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia, violence, hate speech, or gang symbols are prohibited.

1. Attire or jewelry must not be dangerous, destructive, provocative, profane, or disruptive.
2. Body piercing will be restricted to the ears only.
3. Body art, extremes in hair color, or other exaggerated grooming is not allowed.
4. Heavy coats, jackets, book bags will be stored in student lockers/designated areas during school hours when possible.
5. For safety reasons, shower shoes and/or house slippers are not to be worn.
6. Headwear is not to be worn inside the building.

The administration reserves the right to prohibit particular items of clothing not specifically covered by this Discipline Code of Conduct that is determined to

cause sufficient concerns regarding appropriateness or safety. Because the school years are a time of rapid physical change, clothing items purchased at the beginning of the year may not remain appropriate due to growth. If there are questions as to the appropriateness of apparel, students should wear something else. Students are encouraged to ask school officials before wearing a garment that might be inappropriate. Parents share responsibility for compliance with the dress code. Students who come to class in unsuitable dress will be dealt with according to school guidelines and procedures. Repeated dress code infractions may result in disciplinary action.

Conversely, during the school day teachers may issue verbal warnings at their discretion for dress code violations. Students who have been given more than one verbal warning will be issued a written referral to the school administration. The students will be counseled concerning proper dress and the sponsor will be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothes. The sponsor will be advised concerning further infractions and potential disciplinary action.

All – Colors / Fabrics

- Bottoms/dresses are limited to solid colors of: khaki, navy, black, gray, or dark green.
- Tops may be any solid color
- Acceptable fabrics are cotton, corduroy, or wool. No spandex (other stretch material), nylon, denim, leather, or leather like material is allowed.

Girls - Jumpers / Dresses / Skirts

- Girls' skirts without belt loops are acceptable.
- Jumpers must be without bibs; no derivatives of overalls are accepted.
- Skirts must fall at a length that is appropriate for school. (Generally that is approximately 3 to 4 inches above the knee, both front and back). The final determination of skirt length falls to the judgment of school administrators.

All - Shirts and Sweaters (all shirts must be tucked in)

- Pullover polo style or oxford style dress shirt/blouses with short or long sleeves must have a collar.
- Sweaters must be pullover, cardigan, sweater vest, or sweater shirt style.
- Any shirt worn under policy approved shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, etc. must be approved color.
- Size appropriate sweaters and sweatshirts (not hooded) must be worn over policy approved shirt.
- Turtleneck sweaters are acceptable. Turtleneck shirts must be worn under an approved sweater or sweatshirt.
- No sleeveless, see-through materials, excessively tight or revealing clothing.

All - Slacks or walking shorts

- Must be of reasonable length with waist band fitting at the natural waist and worn so waist band remains above the hips.
- Walking shorts or skorts must have at least a 7 to 9 inch inseam and should be no shorter than 3 to 4 inches above the knee.
- Chino, khaki, dockers, or dress style slacks with belt loops are acceptable.
- Girls' slacks, shorts, and skorts without belt loops are acceptable.
- Belts must be worn and fit actual waist size without any excess hanging down.
- The following are not acceptable: Cargo or five pocket pants, overalls, painter pants, denim jeans or jean style pants in any color, spandex pants, pants with draw strings or excessive flare bottoms, or pants with leg pockets, excessively tight, baggy, or revealing clothing. No neon or fluorescent clothing of any kind. Logos are acceptable if not larger than 2 inches.

Miscellaneous

- No sweatbands (head or wrist) may be worn except in physical education classes.