

STANDARD OF DRESS FOR FORT RUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SY- 2009-2010

We hope this standard of dress will foster an environment of school pride and maintain/improve our safety, order and discipline while maintaining focus on academic achievement. The first requirement of quality education is to create a safe and disciplined learning environment. The objective of the policy is to minimize disruptions and distractions that can be caused by inappropriate attire. This dress policy is designed to foster a safe, orderly and professional learning environment. The policy includes all students second through sixth grades. The FRES standardized dress policy selection is available in the PX. Items may be purchased at any other store as well.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE SOLID IN COLOR. Acceptable fabrics are cotton, cotton blends, corduroy, wool, or denim. No spandex, nylon, leather or leather-like material is allowed.

Shoes- must be low heeled with closed toe/heel and be laced, tied/fastened properly at all times. (no Crocks, sandals, flip-flops, or open toes shoes of any kind) On physical education days, shoes must be safe and appropriate for P.E.

BOYS & GIRL'S SHIRTS

Shirts must be solid in color. Logos for shirts, sweaters, and sweat shirts must be no larger than a quarter in size.

- Pullover polo style or dress shirts/blouses with short or long sleeve. Shirts must have collars.
- **Size appropriate** sweaters/sweatshirts must be solid in color. **They may not be hooded nor may they have writing/pictures of any kind.** They must be worn over policy approved shirt.
- Turtle neck sweaters/shirts are acceptable in solid colors.
- Shirts, t-shirts, or sweat shirts with Fort Rucker Elementary school/band/choir/DARE logos are allowed.
- No sleeveless, see through materials, or spaghetti strap.
- All shirts must be tucked in with no midriff showing.
- **Outerwear must be put away upon entering the building.**

BOYS/GIRLS slacks/shorts/skorts/jumpers/dresses/skirts/capris

- Colors must be solid.
- **Acceptable colors** are denim, khaki, navy, and black.
- Shorts/skorts must have a 7-9 inch inseam.
- Skirt length must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee
- Pants/shorts/skirts may have no decorative accents.
- Belts must be plain without studs or other decorations. No chain belts.
- The following **are not** acceptable Cargo pants, overalls, painter pants, spandex pants, draw string pants, warm-up pants, wind suits, excessively baggy, tight or revealing clothing.
- **Bottoms should only have the 4 (four) traditional pockets. Pants with the small "hammer hangers" are acceptable.**

All Students:

- Headgear—**no headgear permitted**—includes kerchiefs, bandannas and caps.
- Jewelry—no dangling earrings, hoops, collars and heavy chains.
- Hair—must be of natural color—not color or style that detracts from student learning
- Armbands—no armbands (sweatbands) are allowed.
- Pants will not have frayed hems, rips, holes, tears or drag the floor.
- Clothing bearing reference to an illegal substance (including alcohol and tobacco), gang affiliation, racial expression, profanity, obscenity, vulgarity, or sexual connotation is prohibited.

CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS POLICY VIOLATION:

- 1st: Call home and have appropriate clothing brought to school or borrowed from nurse and warning.
- 2nd: Call home and have appropriate clothing brought to school or borrowed from nurse and warning.
- 3rd: 1 day detention
- 4th: 2 days detention
- 5th: Parents and sponsor representative to meet with principal.

This dress policy is designed to be a religiously neutral, mandatory, universally applicable policy. However we recognize that in some unique circumstances, accommodations/exceptions to the dress policy based upon medical or religious justifications are reasonable and appropriate. Nevertheless, the mere fact that a request for accommodation is sincerely made and supported by the appropriate documentation does not mean that it will automatically be granted. The school must also determine that the requested manner of accommodation is "reasonable" in light of all the facts and circumstances.

New students, who register after the first day of school, will be given 15 days before being expected to adhere to the standard of dress.

Administrators will address all situations (excessive accessories or items not covered) that may interrupt the learning environment. The Principal is the final authority.