

**STANDARD OF DRESS
FOR
FORT RUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
SY 2008 - 2009**

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.

CLOTHING

All clothing must be solid in color. Acceptable fabrics are cotton, cotton blends, corduroy, wool, or denim. No spandex, nylon, leather, or leather-like materials are allowed.

SHOES

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

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SHIRTS

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

- Shirts may be pullover polo style or dress shirts/blouses with short or long sleeves. 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 a 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.
- Sleeveless items, see-through materials, and spaghetti straps are prohibited.
- All shirts must be tucked in, with no midriff showing.
- Outerwear must be put away upon entering the building.

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 four (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 are permitted.
- The following are not acceptable: cargo pants, overalls, painter pants, spandex pants, draw string pants, warm-up pants, wind suits, or excessively baggy, tight, or revealing clothing.
- Bottoms should only have the four (4) traditional pockets. Pants with the smaller "hammer hangers" are acceptable.

ALL STUDENTS

- Headgear: no headgear is permitted - including kerchiefs, bandanas and caps.
- Jewelry: no dangling earrings, hoops, collars, or heavy chains are permitted.
- Hair: hair must be of natural color, not a 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: One (1) day detention.
- 4th: Two (2) days detention.
- 5th: Parents and sponsor representative 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 fifteen (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.