



2009-2010 GENERAL DRESS CODE ISSUES WITH CLARIFICATION

1. Fraying on body of jeans, pockets, waistbands. The Dress Code states "Pant legs that touch the floor or are frayed". Fraying at the bottom of the jeans resulting from the jeans being cut off and raveled out is not allowed. Normal wear and tear is acceptable.
2. Length of pants. The Dress Code says "Pant legs that touch the floor". If a child has pants that are size appropriate and they have the legs rolled up a little to keep them from touching the floor, it is OK. It is not OK to have on oversized pants that drag the ground.
3. What discipline will be given per Dress Code offense? The steps for discipline on the Dress Code are detailed in the Code of Conduct and must be followed with parents being notified.
4. Jeans stitching color. Jeans are stitched together with many different colors of thread. It does not matter what color the stitching is.
5. Designs on the pockets of the jeans. Almost all jean pockets have stitching on them. As long as it is not thick embroidered thread creating big pictures it does not matter what color the thread is. Designs are just stitching, and are OK.
6. Are hoodies considered jackets or outerwear? Hoodies, sweaters, sweatshirts, vests, etc. are considered outerwear and can be worn all day as long as a Dress Code compliant shirt is worn underneath with the collar showing. The hoodie must be a solid color. The hood cannot be worn up in the school building. The inside of the hood may be a different color, this is considered a lining.
7. Shirt colors. Any color shirt is fine as long as it is solid or only has one stripe no larger than one inch on the collar and/or sleeves. Certain color

shirts cannot be banned as gang related unless the Police Department informs the School Board that there is a gang problem at a certain school. Also, when a shirt has the one inch stripe around the sleeves, and it leaves the shirt color on the bottom edge of the sleeve, that does not make two stripes, so that is OK.

8. Carpenter and cargo pants/shorts. Carpenter pants/shorts are OK. Cargo pants/shorts are not allowed. Carpenter pants have a hammer loop and a little tiny pocket below it. Any pants/shorts that have large pockets on the legs or elsewhere, whether or not they have a hammer loop, are still considered cargo pants/shorts and are not allowed. The words “skorts, shorts” is included in the top category of the Dress Code under “pants”, and “cargo” is listed under “Not Acceptable”.
9. Flaps on pockets. Flaps on pockets do not make any difference. If the pocket is in the correct location, flap or not, it is OK.
10. Jackets/Coats. These are defined as the heavier articles of clothing worn due to cooler weather.
11. Jumper Dresses. These are considered “tops, shirts” and any solid color is fine, but they must have a Dress Code compliant shirt underneath.
12. Layered Shirts. Some shirts look like two shirts, but are really one. Some look like they have a t-shirt underneath with extra sleeves or cuffs hanging out and some have two collars and two sets of sleeves. These are allowed because it is OK if a child chooses to wear two shirts or a t-shirt and a shirt as long as they are tucked in.
13. Undershirts, camisoles. Undershirts and camisoles are fine as long as they are also a solid color. They can show slightly at the neck. The outer Dress Code shirt must be buttoned to an appropriate level, but not necessarily all the way up.
14. Buttons on shirts and buttoning up shirts. Students are not required to wear only button up shirts. They do not have to be buttoned all the way up, but they must be buttoned to an appropriate level. The kind of buttons on the shirt does not matter as long as they are not sequins, etc. Metal jean buttons are OK.

15. Logos. There is no stipulation on how many logos a child can have; there can be more than one. The sparkle, sequin picture logos would not be allowed under “ornamentation”.
16. Pants that lace up. Whether pants lace up, button up or zip up doesn't matter as long as they are not a distraction.
17. Belts. Any belt is OK if it has a buckle/clasp and is through the belt loops. Any ornamentation on belts except for the large spikes is OK. We will not regulate buckles as long as they are not dangerous.
18. Shoes. We do not consider shoes clothing in the sense of color or ornamentation requirements. If they meet the requirements for shoes in the Dress Code according to the grade level they are OK. Shoe strings do not have to match.
19. Collar facings. It does not matter what is on the facing of a collar or placket. If it has a stripe or is another color it does not matter as long as it is the inside of the shirt.
20. Bleached areas or Wear and Tear. Unless jeans or pants are two distinctive colors they are not considered against Dress Code under “not consistently colored”. A lot of jeans are slightly faded in areas, but not bleached white and many have the lines in the lap either from wear and tear or from the company fading them. If these are not obviously bleached out white, they will be considered wear and tear.
21. Fasteners on pants/shorts. We do not care if pants/shorts zip up, button up, lace up, or pull on with elastic. The only thing to be careful of is the material they are made out of. Wind, sweat, leggings, spandex or pipe style materials are not allowed.
22. Consequences. The Discipline Code details exactly what consequences will be administered for Dress Code violations. By Board Policy these consequences must be followed exactly as stated.