

DRESS CODE

MCPS wishes to have a dress code that continually reflects high standards. Having a standard code for dress will have accountability for our division's mission. Parents and students must assume the responsibility of the student's proper attire as outlined in the policy. If a student's dress or appearance is inappropriate, lacking in cleanliness or is not in good taste, and substantially disrupts class or learning activities, the student will be required to change his or her dress or appearance. This policy serves as the warning in reference to the dress code. The dress code also serves as a minimum standard for staff.

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- Shoes shall be worn at all times.
- Stretch leggings, jeggings, tights may be worn with a shirt, blouse, **IF** the shirt, blouse, top, or t-shirt, is no shorter than fingertip length all the way around the student's body.
- Dresses worn must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee all the way around the student's body.
- Pajama pants may not be worn.
- No "Slacking" or "Sagging" of pants or shorts are allowed. All pants and shorts must be worn at the **waistline**. **No underwear may be revealed. Nor should gym shorts or any other garments underneath outer layer of clothing be visible.**
- Jeans must be free of rips, tears, or holes that expose skin above the fingertips. If jeans have the rips, tears, or holes, skin must be covered,
- Students should not wear hats, other head covering, earbuds, headphones, or sunglasses during the school day and during school sponsored activities that are held inside of the school building. These areas include classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, media center, and any other areas as designated by the school administration. School administrators can make adjustments to the above based on school events (ex: spirit week), religious beliefs, customs, and/or medical reasons per individual student. No fishhooks or any other pins should be displayed on hats.
- Mesh-styled shirts and blouses, clothes or jewelry imprinted with suggestive or vulgar language, shirts and blouses exposing the midriff, and any clothing over-exposing the body, including razor back shirts, thin- strapped tank tops, off the shoulder tops/blouses/ t-shirts, and thin strapped blouses are not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee all the way around the student.
- Tops and sleeveless shirts must be three fingers in width for ladies. Jerseys with large arm holes are not permitted unless there is a t-shirt worn underneath.
- Students shall not wear clothing so that exposes excess cleavage.
- No gang-related clothing, accessories, or symbols as identified by the Local Law Enforcement Agencies (Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office) will be allowed on any school site or at any school sponsored activity.
- Curlers, picks, combs, (except for barrette style), or rakes in the hair, hoods, hats, caps, gloves, sweatbands, bandanas, scarves, wave caps, bonnets, or sunglasses are not headwear accessories. Scarves may be worn around the neck.
- Heavy chains may not be worn or brought to school on belts or wallets.

Students who are improperly dressed will be referred to school administrators or designee who will assist the student in complying with dress code standards.

CONSEQUENCES OF IMPROPER DRESS

- First offense:** Hold in ISS until changed/parent phone call
- Second offense:** One day of In-School Suspension
- Third offense:** Overnight suspension/return with parent for conference
- Fourth offense:** One day Out of School Suspension

MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION

It is the county's goal to transport all children to and from school safely and free from intimidation or fear of harm. All students who ride a school bus are subject to and expected to abide by the laws, rules, and regulations set by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Mecklenburg County School Board. The driver is in charge of the bus and students who ride the bus. The student must accept the authority of the driver and cooperate with his/her requests. At any time, a parent conference may be required by the principal or his designee before a student can return to the bus. Riding a school bus is a privilege. Abuse of this privilege will not be tolerated. Please refer to your student's handbook for details and guidelines set forth by MCPS and the transportation department.
