

## DRESS for SUCCESS

### 2011-2012 DCS Dress Code

#### General Dress Code Guidelines for All Students

Clothing must be: Neat, well-maintained, without frays or holes, not distressed, correctly fitted (not too tight nor too loose, must not bear inappropriate logos/symbols/wording/cartoons/graphic images larger than 2" with the exception of DCS wear, and must be modest.\*

\*Modesty entails no showing of under garments, midriff, lower back, or cleavage at any time. This includes while leaning over or raising the arms.

#### Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Specific

In order to develop a standard for school behavior and a positive learning atmosphere, there should be a difference between school clothes and play clothes.

<b>Tops</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collared shirts or shirts which come to the neckline</li> <li>• Bottom of shirt/top must come at least 4" below the top of pants, shorts, capris, or skirts.</li> <li>• K-2 only: sleeveless shirts which complete a matched outfit. Fabric must cover from neck to outside shoulder.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casual t-shirts</li> <li>• See-through or form-fitting shirts</li> <li>• Spaghetti strapped shirts or tank tops</li> <li>• Shirts with wording, etc (see general guidelines)</li> </ul>
<b>Bottoms</b> Pants/Shorts/Capris/Skirts	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton, denim, twill, corduroy, non-baggy cargo-style</li> <li>• Shorts/skirts must be knee length and modest.</li> <li>• Leggings may be worn under knee length dresses/tops</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tight-fitting knit, sweatsuit, windsuit ,or "athletic" type pants, shorts, or capris</li> <li>• Form-fitting skirts</li> </ul>
<b>Dresses</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collared dresses or dresses which come to the neckline</li> <li>• Dresses must come to the knee</li> <li>• K-2 only: sleeveless dresses where the shoulder is covered by fabric from neck to outside shoulder.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any non-collared dress or dress which does not come to the neckline.</li> <li>• Spaghetti strapped or tank top style dresses unless worn as jumper over a dress code shirt</li> </ul>
<b>Outerwear</b> Must be worn over a collared shirt or shirt which comes to the neckline.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweaters, vests</li> <li>• Non-hooded pullover sweatshirts/dress jackets/zippered jackets (plain, DCS, or official college)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outerwear with sayings, wording, cartoons, images, etc. (See general guidelines)</li> <li>• Hoodies (See Spirit Wear specifications below)</li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b> Shoes should fit correctly, be school worthy, and should not impede running and jumping.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress shoes, tennis shoes or leather "dressy" sandals</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unacceptable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flip-flops or crocs</li> <li>• Shoes with heels taller than 1 ½ "</li> </ul>

<b>Hair</b>	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair must be neat and clean at all times and out of the eyes.</li> <li>• Boys: hair must not be below the top of the collar or the middle of the ear/must be above the eyebrows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eccentric hair colors/styles</li> </ul>
<b>Accessories</b>	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls: modest, not distracting to learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pierced body jewelry</li> <li>• Boys: pierced earrings</li> <li>• Visible tattoos</li> <li>• Hats or sunglasses indoors</li> </ul>

### 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Specific

At this age, it becomes a student’s “job” to do well academically, behaviorally, and attitudinally in preparation for the world of professional work, so DCS is moving toward a modified “business/casual” dress model for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

<b>Tops</b>	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Button-up polos, oxford shirts or blouses</li> <li>• All buttons except the neck button must be fastened.</li> <li>• Shirts must extend at least 4” below the top of the pants, shorts, capris, or skirt</li> <li>• Plain t-shirts, camisoles, or long-sleeved shirts may be worn under the collared shirt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleeveless, zippered, spandex blend shirts</li> <li>• Buttonless shirts</li> <li>• See-through or form-fitting shirts</li> <li>• Tops with wording, etc (See general guidelines)</li> </ul>
<b>Bottoms</b> Pants/Walking Shorts/Capris & Skirts	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid-colored cotton, twill, corduroy, docker, non-baggy cargo, khaki style pants/shorts</li> <li>• Worn above the hips and not dragging the ground.</li> <li>• Shorts and skirts must be knee length when sitting or standing.</li> <li>• Belts must be worn and cinched tightly for pants or shorts which sag.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweat pants, pajama pants, stretch pants, or wind pants.</li> <li>• Jeans</li> <li>• Excessively tight or “skinny”</li> </ul>
<b>Dresses</b>	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must come to the knee or below when sitting or standing.</li> <li>• Collared dresses or dresses where the neckline of the dress is no lower than the collarbone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleeveless dresses</li> <li>• Strapless, spaghetti strapped or tank top style dresses</li> </ul>

<b>Outerwear</b> Must be worn over a collared shirt.	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweaters, vests</li> <li>• Non-hooded pullover sweatshirts (plain, DCS, or official college)</li> <li>• Dress jacket completing an outfit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outwear with wording (See general guidelines)</li> <li>• Hoodies (See Spirit Wear specifications below)</li> <li>• Outdoor or Zippered jackets worn indoors</li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b> Shoes should reflect a proper school image.	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress shoes, tennis shoes, leather “dressy sandals”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flip-flops or crocs</li> <li>• Shoes with heels taller than 1 ½”</li> </ul>
<b>Hair</b>	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair must be neat, clean, well-groomed, and out of the eyes at all times.</li> <li>• Men: hair must not be below the top of the collar or middle of the ear, and must be above the eyebrows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eccentric hairstyles or extreme unnatural colors</li> </ul>
<b>Jewelry/Make-up/Accessories</b>	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women: jewelry and make-up should be used with discretion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men: Earrings</li> <li>• Pierced body jewelry</li> <li>• Hats or sunglasses worn indoors</li> <li>• Visible tattoos</li> </ul>

### Spirit Wear Days

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month will be designated as Spirit Wear Days. All students may wear clean, neat jeans (no holes or frays) and **official** DCS Spirit Wear shirts or collared shirts, including the DCS Spirit Wear hoodie. Class chapel shirts are not considered spirit wear. Other days such as days of pep assemblies, days of sports tournaments, etc., may be also designated as Spirit Wear days.

### Athletes

Athletes are required to wear official game day clothing consisting of the athletic royal blue polo and black slacks on days in which their sport has a game. In cold weather, a long-sleeved shirt may be worn under the polo. Athletes may not wear their uniform jerseys to school on game days.

### PE Uniforms

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> PE students must dress for PE in an official DCS PE uniform. DCS PE Uniforms may be purchased at registration or through the school office. Cold weather provisions will be addressed as cold weather approaches.