

DRESS for SUCCESS
2015-2016 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-5th 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.

Tops	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collared shirts or shirts which come to the neckline • Sweaters and sweater vests can be worn over a collared shirt or shirt which comes to the neckline. • K-2 only: sleeveless shirts which complete a matched outfit. -Fabric must cover from neck to outside shoulder. • Christian t-shirts w/scripture verses, solid or striped t-shirts • Shirts depicting non-violent images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See-through or form-fitting shirts • Spaghetti strapped shirts or tank tops • Camouflage • Hoodies (See Spirit Wear specifications below) • T-shirts depicting action heroes or violent images
Bottoms Pants/Shorts/Capris/Skirts	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cotton, denim, twill, corduroy, non-baggy cargo-style • Shorts/skirts must be knee length when standing and modest. • Shorts or Leggings may be worn all skirts/dresses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight-fitting knit, sweat suit, wind suit ,or "athletic" type pants, shorts, or capris • Yoga pants or yoga capris • Leggings without dress or skirt • Camouflage • Pajamas except on designated days
Outerwear for Playground	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies (solid colors, floral, plaid, striped, or spirit wear) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coats, jackets, hoodies, gloves, hats, or scarves depicting super heroes or violent images. • Hats or hoodies that cover the face
Shoes	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress shoes, tennis shoes or leather "dressy" sandals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip-flops or crocs • Any shoe without a heel-strap • Shoes with heels taller than 1 ½ "
Hair	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair must be neat and clean at all times and out of the eyes. • Boys: hair must not be below the top of the collar or the middle of the ear/must be above the eyebrows when hanging naturally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eccentric hair colors/styles • Mohawks or hair combed or gelled into Mohawk-style spike
Accessories	
Acceptable	Unacceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls: modest, not distracting to learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pierced body jewelry • Boys: pierced earrings • Visible tattoos • Hats or sunglasses indoors

6th – 12th Grades – Specific

Tops	
<p align="center">Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tops must have collars, sleeves, and buttons All buttons must be fastened except the top button. Sweater vests can be worn over a collared, sleeved, and buttoned top. Sweaters may be worn as long as the neckline is not more than 3 fingers down from collar bone 	<p align="center">Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tops that are sheer, form-fitting, expose the midriff, or display graphics or wording, camo, sweatshirts, hoodies (except DCS on spirit wear days), light jackets, winter coats -Students needing to achieve warmth should wear t-shirts under acceptable tops
Bottoms Pants/Walking Shorts/Capris & Skirts	
<p align="center">Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khakis/Docker style pants: Solid-colored (any), relaxed fit Cargo or dress shorts, skirts, and dresses; all must be knee-length or below when standing 	<p align="center">Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skinny pants, or relaxed fit Khakis/Docker style pants worn too tightly, camouflage, shorts or skirts worn above the knee, blue jean/denim material
Dresses	
<p align="center">Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must come to the knee or below when sitting or standing. Collared dresses or dresses where the neckline of the dress is no lower than the collarbone. 	<p align="center">Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleeveless dresses Strapless, spaghetti strapped or tank top style dresses
Shoes	
<p align="center">Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress shoes, athletic shoes, leather sandals with a heel-strap 	<p align="center">Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any shoe without a heel-strap, high-heeled shoes, or crocs
Hair	
<p align="center">Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair must be neat, clean, well-groomed, and out of the eyes at all times. Men: hair must not be below the top of the collar or middle of the ear, and must be above the eyebrows 	<p align="center">Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eccentric hairstyles or extreme unnatural colors
Accessories	
<p align="center">Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewelry and make-up on young women should be modest 	<p align="center">Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibly displayed body piercings (other than ears for young women), tattoos, hats or sunglasses

The purpose of this or any dress code is to set guidelines for acceptable dress so that: the code is easily understood, remembered, and enforceable. Representatives of the school have final say with respect to compliance.

When students are not in dress code, the onus of achieving compliance will be upon the student. As soon as they can fix the infraction, they can return to class. Repeated infractions can lead to disciplinary action. As always, if a student is in doubt about a particular item, they should check with administration before risking being out of compliance.

Spirit Wear Days

Each Friday 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. 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 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 6th – 12th 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.