

VRA STUDENT DRESS CODE

(2017-18 SJCS D Student Code of Conduct, pages 13-15)

The dress and grooming of St. Johns County Public Schools students shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual promote a positive educational environment and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. Because inappropriate clothing worn by a student is detrimental to the school program, the wearing of garments suitable for school shall be encouraged. All faculty and administrative staff shall be on the alert to give positive guidance in these matters, without embarrassment to the student.

These rules on personal appearance of students are intended to enable the students of St. Johns County Public Schools to dress casually but reasonably. However, the school principal is the final authority with regard to the appropriateness of student dress. **Nothing in these rules shall be construed to pre-empt the principal's authority** to act in specific cases when, in the principal's judgment and discretion a student's dress threatens to disrupt the educational process or the good order and discipline of the school, or is otherwise inappropriate.

All Students

- Personal attire may be in the style of the day, but clothing that is immodest, revealing, or distracting in character is unacceptable. Clothing, piercings and accessories shall not be worn if they display profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, advertisements, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs or create a safety issue within the learning environment.
- Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner.
- Head coverings, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn on campus unless required by a physician or authorized by school administration.
- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school and elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel.
- Skirts, dresses, shorts, baggies, no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee, are acceptable. Skirts shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee worn with tights are not acceptable.
- Leggings and yoga pants are acceptable but must worn with a shirt, dress or skirt that reaches fingertip length.
- Graffiti (i.e. profanity, violent or discriminatory images, sexually suggestive phrases or symbols, or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs) will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, yearbooks, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not acceptable.

*Standards: Boys

- Boy's pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No boxer shorts or underwear may be visible.
- Shirts must cover the entire shoulder.

*Standards: Girls

- Tops and shirts must cover the entire shoulder and may not be revealing or distracting. Midriff or "cut-out" dresses and "cut out" tops may not be worn. Skirts must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee. Revealing clothing, pajamas and lingerie are not acceptable. Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Girls' pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No underwear may be exposed.