

J.W. Mitchell High School

STUDENT DRESS CODE



The school's administration shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance, and will make the decision whether a student's appearance meets school and community standards.

The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

- ✓ Students shall wear modest clothing of such style and design as shall be consistent with community standards as determined by the school principal or designee.
- ✓ While on any District School Board of Pasco County schools or campus, at any school function or on any school sponsored transportation, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Students' clothing shall be worn appropriately with no abdomen skin or underwear exposed.
- ✓ Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikini tops, strapless tops, and spandex clothing (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreation activities), are not appropriate wearing apparel for school or school functions.
- ✓ Students may wear shorts and skirts as long as they are of a modest length. Modest length is to the end of the fingertips when arms are held straight down at the student's side.
- ✓ Blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit. Muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted to be worn by male students. Spaghetti straps and strapless tops are not acceptable. Tank tops can be worn by female students as long as the width of the strap is three fingers. Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day. Students cannot use a jacket or sweater or sweatshirt to cover up a Dress Code violation.
- ✓ Students shall keep their clothes, bodies, and hair clean and well groomed.
- ✓ Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation.
- ✓ Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body, clothing, accessories or student vehicle which contain profanity in any form, violent images, are considered vulgar, offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which contain sexually suggestive words, phrases or images, advertise tobacco, vaping, alcohol, drugs, or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions. Offensive designs imprinted on the body must be covered.
- ✓ Students may wear hats and head-coverings to school as long as it is in compliance with dress code standards. It is at the discretion of each classroom teacher whether or not hats or head-coverings can be worn inside his/her classroom.
- ✓ Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process. Wallet chains or dog collars shall not be permitted.
- ✓ If issued, student must be in possession of school badges during all school activities and must present the badge to school officials upon request.
- ✓ JWMHS will follow our Discipline Plan for consequences regarding violations of the Dress Code.

Students in violation of the school dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing. Inappropriate clothing will NOT be allowed to be covered up with a jacket or other garments. Failure to comply will result in out of school suspension (OSS) for the remainder of the day.

Students are allowed to bring electronic devices on the school campus including cell phones, computers, video recording devices, cameras, CD players, iPods, MP3s and game machines. Students may use these devices during the school day. However, if used during class and/or instructional time without permission or inappropriately, these items may be taken by the staff. Parents will be required to pick up all confiscated items at the school. The school shall accept no responsibility or provide restitution for personal electronic devices or property that are brought to school.