



JW MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Mustangs

Dress Code Policy

The school's administration shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school 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. These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored.

- Students must wear clothing that has fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms)
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms)
- Shirts must have straps and extend to the waist
- Clothing must cover undergarments (this includes straps and waistbands)
- Fabric covering chests, genitals and buttocks must be opaque and cannot be see through
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop and other activities where unique hazards exists
- Students must wear shoes.
- Hats or head coverings may be worn, but if a student is asked that it be removed, students must comply (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment:

- Any clothing that exposes underwear, body parts and/or skin in an indecent or vulgar manner or is see through
- Any clothing that substantially disrupts the school environment or causes safety concerns
- Any clothing that depicts profanity, drugs or alcohol, violent images or vulgarity in any form
- Any clothing that depicts sexually implicit or explicit images
- Any clothing that depicts gang-related images, indicates gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation
- Wallet chains, spiked jewelry, dog collars or similar items

Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

- *1st Offense:* The student will be given a verbal warning and will be required to change into appropriate clothing.
- *2nd Offense:* The student will be required to change into appropriate clothing, a referral will be written and a parent will be notified. The student will be assigned 1 After School Detention.
- *3rd Offense:* The student will be required to change into appropriate clothing, a referral will be written and a parent will be notified. The student will be assigned 1 Saturday School.
- *4th Offense:* The student will be required to change into appropriate clothing, a referral will be written and a parent will be notified. The student will be assigned 1 Day of OSS.
- For all future violations, the number of days of OSS will increase.

Students in violation of the dress code:

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/guardian as needed
- Students may be required to remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal discretion
- May receive a discipline referral and receive consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Let's Go, MUSTANGS!