

R.J. Murray Middle School Dress Code 2017-2018

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. **Please refer to Student Code of Conduct for complete policy concerning dress code.**

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.** Please refer to Student Code of Conduct for complete policy concerning dress code.

1. Personal attire may be in the style of the day, but clothing that is immodest, revealing, or distracting in character is unacceptable.
2. In accordance with statutory requirements (1006.07), students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner.
3. **Sweat pants, joggers, warm ups, athletic/gym shorts are not acceptable.**
4. Revealing clothing, yoga pants, pajamas and lingerie are not acceptable. Pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No underwear may be exposed.
5. **No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in shorts, pants, and shirts. This include pants designed to looked ripped or torn.**
6. Leggings, jeggings may be worn **ONLY** with skirt or dress at or below knee length.
7. Extremely short skirts and shorts are not allowed. **Skirts and shorts must be at or below the knee.**
8. Girls' tops and shirts must cover the entire shoulder and they must be modest and not revealing or distracting. Midriff or "cut-out" dresses and "cut out" tops may not be worn. Shirts that reveal cleavage and/or midriff are not allowed. Shirts should be at appropriate length.
9. Hair shall be clean and well combed or brushed. Extreme hairstyles will not be acceptable. This includes brightly colored hair such as but not limited to green, purple, pink, etc. **The Principal shall make the final determination regarding appropriate hairstyle.**
10. Head coverings, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, hair curlers and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn on campus unless required by a physician or authorized by school administration. Excessive make-up shall not be permitted.
11. 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. High school students may wear backless shoes; however, bedroom slippers and footwear commonly considered as beachwear is prohibited. (For example, beach sandals, or other such beach shoes, will not be allowed in school).
12. Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
13. 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.

Enforcement Waiver: The Principal or designee will determine the appropriateness of attire. For special events and occasions, principals may grant request to modify this policy for their particular school. The School Advisory Council may recommend and the Superintendent may grant an individual school's request to deviate from dress requirements. Examples include requiring school uniforms, all shirts shall be tucked in, no shorts, pants must have belts, etc. Please refer to Student Code of Conduct for complete policy concerning dress code.

Student Signature _____

Date

Parent Signature _____

Date