

CSLA Dress Code 2023-2024 School Year

Purpose

The dress code is designed to allow for student comfort while maintaining an environment conducive to learning and appropriate for the educational setting. A statistical correlation exists between good grooming, personal attire, and achievement. Apparel and/or appearance should promote student learning and should not be disruptive to the learning environment. An important goal of a dress code is to teach young people that in the larger arena of life, different types of dress are appropriate for different settings. Apparel that is appropriate for social settings may not be appropriate for school.

WITH DECISIONS REGARDING SCHOOL DRESS, THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OF TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WILL PREVAIL.

Limitations on ALL clothing

- Clothing with language or images that are vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene, or clothing that promotes illegal or violent conduct or references weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats such as gang symbols is prohibited.
- Sheer or see-through material is not permitted on any article of clothing.
- Undergarments should not be visible.

Shirts

- Strapless shirts, backless tops, halters, see-through material, and low cut shirts (at neck or arms) are prohibited.
- All tops must have a minimum of 3-fingers width on the shoulders and NO undergarments should be visible.
- All shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff at **all** times (even when arms are raised).
- Hoodies are allowed, but students **cannot** wear the hood while in the building; if this becomes a chronic issue, hoodies will be banned altogether.

Pants/Shorts/Dresses/Skirts

- Shorts must be at least the length of the thumb when the hands are at one's sides. **
- Skirts, skorts, and dresses must be at least the length of the longest finger when hands are at one's sides.
- Leggings/spandex style athletic pants/yoga pants may only be worn with a top that completely covers the student's bottom in the front and back (no see thru/mesh material is allowed; dark colored leggings/pants preferred) **
- Pants/Jean with distressing, holes, slits, tears, or worn through areas above the knees are **not permitted** at any grade level.
- Pants must fit appropriately (all pants must be worn at waist level and cannot be extremely tight).
- Pajama pants are not permitted.

**For primary school students these policies are more relaxed due to developmental appropriateness.

Shoes/Footwear

- House shoes and/or slippers are not permitted.
- Athletic shoes (closed toe sneakers) are required for PE class– No boots, crocs, flip flops, slides during PE class.
- Closed toe shoes may be required in specific classes other than PE such as CTE, Science Labs, etc. It's the student's responsibility to be prepared for those classes when needed.

Headwear

- Hats, bandannas, caps, sun visors, and sun glasses are not to be worn in the school building except on designated spirit days.
- No hoods or headcovers of any kind are permitted except for religious reasons.

Jackets/Outerwear

- Lightweight jackets such as sweatshirts, cardigans/sweaters, fleece, windbreakers, and denim jackets are allowed, but heavy coats should remain in lockers.
- Hoodies are permitted to be worn in the building, but hoods may not be worn while in the building.

Miscellaneous & Accessories

- No headphones or earbuds are allowed to be worn during the school day unless directed to do so by a teacher.
- No sunglasses, gloves, or blankets in the building.
- Backpacks/book bags are to remain in student lockers/cubbies throughout the school day.
- Jewelry must be school appropriate (see limitations on all clothing).
- No purses, cross body bags, fanny bags, etc shall be carried during the school day.

Consequences

These consequences are in alignment with the Hamilton County Schools Code of Acceptable Behavior

Dress Code Infractions	Consequences
1st	Written warning, change of clothes, and parent contact
2nd	Self Discipline Card <u>AND</u> change clothes with parent contact
3rd	Thursday After School Detention, Self-Discipline Card <u>AND</u> change clothes with parent contact
4th	2 days of ISS, Self-Discipline Card, <u>AND</u> change clothes with parent contact
5th and Up	2 days of OSS, Parent Conference, Student referred for behavior support committee