

DRESS CODE

Dress Code Philosophy

The staff and administration at Franklin School believe that dress has the power to reflect the person. We contend that we, as people, often act as we dress. We want students to dress for success to every possible extent. It is realized that styles of dress change according to cultural expectations. While there may be nothing inherently wrong with a particular style of dress, teaching a child to conform to restrictions is a good preparation for the work environment in future years. The code is more lenient for children in grades K-3. Discretion will be up to administration.

Dress style principles were adopted so as to contribute in a positive way to instruction and learning. Your clothing should:

- Promote personal safety and personal hygiene
- Encourage positive behavior and respect for self and others
- Promote positive peer images
- Respect family and community standards and yet provide an outlet for individual expression

Clothing, which incorporates logos, graphic designs, picture or text, must be appropriate for school. Contents which advertise or display subject matter relating to alcohol, drugs, tobacco use, inappropriate language and/or art work, racial slogans, sexually explicit slogans or pictures are prohibited. Clothing which is deemed by school administration to be distracting to the educational process will be prohibited. This applies to backpacks and notebooks as well. **If you are unsure whether or not a logo would be offensive or distracting to other people, encourage your child to reserve the item for another situation. It may be advisable to purchase clothing without logos, graphics, or sayings for school use.** ALL STUDENTS JACKETS AND COATS MUST HAVE THEIR NAMES INSIDE IN PERMANENT MARKER.

Clothing cannot be modified by drawing, writing, cutting, or painting. If it is, the student will be given duct tape on the first offense and may be sent home on the second offense.

Shoes must be worn at all times. Slippers and flip flops are not allowed at school or on school functions. Remember, sometimes footwear can pose a safety issue.

Hats and visors are not permitted to be worn on campus inside the school building. Hats and visors worn to and from home must be removed during school hours except for outside activities. Please remember that the purpose of a hat is to provide shade and protection from the sun. For this reason, baseball caps should not be worn with the bill facing backwards. Bandannas, doo-rags, and hairnets are not permitted. Stocking caps and beanies are only allowed after fall break until spring break and are also not allowed to be worn in the classroom.

All shirts, blouses and dresses must have sleeves or straps that are at least 2 inches wide and cover undergarments. This means that halter-tops, tube tops, undershirts and spaghetti straps are not allowed. Boys shirts must not hang more than 1-2 inches below the armpits or be otherwise revealing. See through or sheer blouses are not permitted. Undergarments must not be seen at any time. Low-cut, backless, bare midriff and tight-fitting tops are not permitted. All tops must be of such length that when arms are raised above the head, the stomach and/or navel are not revealed. Tights can only be worn with a dress or pants that follow the dress code. Layering of clothing to insure modesty is encouraged but layers should not be removed. However, at least one of the layers must follow the 2-inch rule.