



# STUDENT DRESS CODE

## A Basic Head-to-Toe Guide on What not to Wear to School

The Columbus City Schools Dress Code is enforced at school and school functions not open to the public. It stresses decency, good taste and a positive learning environment. Principals may further define the dress code for their buildings.

This is a basic guideline; see the full Student Dress Code for more details including building-specific uniform guidelines. Code is available online at: [www.columbus.k12.oh.us](http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us); click on the "Parents & Students" box then select "Student Dress Code" or "Uniform Requirements"

### GENERAL

- Clothing should properly fit; size should not interfere with normal school activities - not tight or formfitting nor "saggy" or too full
- Clothing must be neat and clean.
- Messages (images or writing) on clothing, accessories and jewelry cannot promote violence, sex, prejudice, drugs, alcohol or tobacco - directly or implied
- No gang-related apparel
- Do not wear sleepwear/pajamas

### HEAD

- Nothing is to be worn on the head inside buildings other than for religious reasons, including ball caps, knit caps, and bandanas
- Sunglasses are not to be worn inside buildings

### UPPER BODY

- Shirts are not to be tight or formfitting
- Undergarments, including undershirts, must be concealed at all times
- No bare midriffs. A student must be able to raise arms above her/his head without skin being exposed
- No sheer or see-through clothing
- Shoulders must be covered
- Cleavage/breasts must be covered; no low-cut tops

### LOWER BODY

- Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts are not to be tight or formfitting
- Waist sizes must not be more than one inch larger than the correctly measured size; pants are not to hang below the waist
- All undergarments must be concealed at all times, including shorts worn under other pants
- Shorts, skirts and skorts must be mid-thigh or longer and hemmed; (other guidelines apply for phys. ed. classes)
- Legs of pants are not to drag on the ground
- There is to be no printing on the seat area
- Belts are not to be more than three inches longer than the student's waist size
- Pants cannot be gathered or drawn together at the waist
- Bib-type attire must have straps buttoned appropriately

### FEET

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- No flip-flops, bedroom slippers or beach shoes

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