

Nassau County School District

Secondary Dress Code Guidelines

Administrators and teachers of Nassau County Public Schools enforce dress and grooming guidelines that promote the successful operation of schools. On-site administrators determine apparel that is appropriate, disruptive, or in violation of safety rules outlined in the General Code of Appearance.

Each student has the responsibility to dress appropriately for the school environment. Any apparel, jewelry (such as body piercings, ornaments) and hairstyles shall not disrupt the classroom environment. These guidelines for dress and grooming apply to all students in secondary public schools of Nassau County.

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Hats, head coverings and hoodies should not be worn in buildings (campuses have the right to enforce greater restrictions).
- Tops with thin or no straps, or tops that show midriff or expose the body are prohibited.
- See-through or mesh garments shall not be worn without appropriate undergarments.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses may be worn, provided they are an appropriate length (approximately fingertip in length).
- Clothing and accessories shall not be worn if they display violence, lewd and obscene messages, sexually suggestive phrases, or advertisements, or symbols of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
- Undergarments should not be visible. The waistband of shorts, slacks, skirts, and similar garments shall not be worn below the hips. Underwear, midriff and backs should not be exposed. Belts, suspenders, and straps should be worn in place and fastened.
- Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury to oneself or to others are prohibited.

All students must adhere to these **minimal guidelines** for acceptable apparel and appearance. Repeated dress code corrections may be treated as defiance and subject to disciplinary action. In order to maximize instructional time, students will be given an opportunity to immediately correct dress code violations.