

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The primary objective of school officials and teachers is the education of the young people in their charge. There is a great necessity to ensure that students are given the opportunity to learn in a positive and orderly environment free from distractions. This environment can, in part, be obtained through the implementation of a consistent dress code.

School authorities have the power to regulate school attire, and such regulations are valid if reasonably intended to accomplish a constitutionally permissible objective. The Cameron Parish Student Dress Code intends to accomplish the following objective:

1. The avoidance of disruption and distraction in the classroom;
2. The fostering of respect for authority and discipline; and
3. The conformation of students to community standards.

Uniforms are mandatory for Cameron Parish Schools for all students in grades K-12. The principal of each school shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper or improper dress.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

1. Tops (shirts, blouses) shall consist of long or short-sleeved oxford and pull-over "golf-type" shirts and must be white or navy, no logo, with an optional third color as follows:

Cameron Elementary School	Red
Grand Lake High School	Burgundy
Hackberry High School	Hunter Green
Johnson Bayou High School	Red
South Cameron Elementary School	Red
South Cameron High School	Red

Tops may be worn in these colors only, and only at the schools indicated.

Oxford shirts, long- or short-sleeved, shall be tucked in at all times and appropriately sized and buttoned. Pull-over knit shirts may be worn outside of the bottoms, except for those with longer backs, which shall be tucked in at all times.

Tops worn under uniform tops shall be of uniform color, appropriately sized, tucked in, and not extending below top or sleeves of shirt (with the exception of a long-sleeved shirt worn under a short-sleeved shirt).

2. Bottoms shall consist of shorts and slacks for boys; shorts, slacks, Capri pants, skirts, skorts and jumpers for girls. Slacks and Capri pants shall not be bell-bottomed, spandex, nor shall they have frayed edges or sewn

pockets down the leg or on the outside, must be hemmed, and must not be cargo or carpenter pants.

Slits on uniform bottoms shall not be lengthened, cut or altered and shall not be cut in uniform bottoms if they were not manufactured as such.

3. Bottoms may be khaki or navy. Any school may select an optional plaid.
4. Schools shall have the option to select an officially designated school spirit tee-shirt which may be worn on administratively approved days and must be worn with a uniform bottom.
5. Principals may designate a limited number of days per school year when, for a specific purpose, students may be excused from wearing uniforms, but must still follow Cameron Parish Student Dress Code provisions.
6. Uniforms for all pre-school classes shall be optional.
7. Vests, sweatshirts and sweaters must be standard vendor issue and may be of standard or optional school color. For indoor wear, pullovers and sweaters shall not have visible labels or logos; school spirit items shall be permitted.
8. There shall be no restriction on outerwear (coats and jackets).
9. Shoes with cleats and flip-flops (including soccer shoes) shall be prohibited.
10. Socks, tights, or hosiery, if worn, must be navy, white, khaki, or of the school's optional color.
11. Belts must be worn with bottoms which have belt loops. Belts must be primarily navy, black, or brown with no chain belts permitted.
12. All uniforms must be sized appropriately and must not be form-fitting.
13. Caps, hats, sunglasses or other head coverings shall be prohibited indoors. Bandannas are prohibited at all times.

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These provisions shall be followed on days/occasions when uniforms are not worn:

1. Shorts may be worn.

Cut-offs, biker shorts, and boxer shorts are not acceptable. Athletic shorts (Nike, Umbro, Adidas, etc.) may be worn in grades Pre-K through 5 only. P.E. Uniforms are not acceptable for wear in class.

2. Tank tops and muscle shirts worn as outer garments are not allowed. If two tank tops or two muscle shirts are worn, they must still cover the equivalent of a sleeveless shirt or blouse.

Apparel with bare midriffs and spaghetti straps are not allowed. See-through blouses, halter tops and fish net shirts are not allowed. Clothing which fits inappropriately or reveals undergarments is not allowed.

3. Clothing which has profane, obscene, or sexually suggestive language or language which is suggestive of a controlled substance (i.e. alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc.) or use of such substance and language inherent or implying violence or is gang-related is prohibited.

4. Male students are not allowed to wear earrings and other visible body piercing jewelry. Female students may wear earrings, but no other visible body piercing jewelry. Male and female students are not allowed to have visible tattoos.
5. Shoes with cleats and flip-flops (including soccer shoes) are not allowed. Shoes which require laces must be laced at all times.
6. Caps, hats, sunglasses, or other head covering are prohibited indoors.
7. Bandannas are prohibited.
8. Skirts (including the height of a slit, if applicable), shorts, skorts, and rompers must be of an acceptable length (4 inches above the knee).
9. Baggy pants are not permitted. Pants should be worn above the hipbone and must be the appropriate size for the student.
10. Leggings and tights are not permitted unless the items worn over them are of acceptable length.
11. Fully fastened windpants, with sewn side seams, of an opaque color and fabric are permitted in all grades.
12. Fleece sweatpants are permitted in grades Pre-K through 7 only.

STUDENT DRESS AT STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND DANCES

When representing their school at any extracurricular or co-curricular activity, students must follow the Cameron Parish Student Dress Code. In some cases, the sponsoring organization may require a stricter dress code.

During functions which require formal attire, the Cameron Parish School Board expects good taste. The following formal dress guidelines are in effect:

1. No bare midriffs are permitted.
2. The back must not be exposed lower than the waistline.
3. A full bodice is required. No cutouts are permitted in the front.
4. Spaghetti straps and strapless tops are permitted.
5. Necklines, waistlines, and sides must not reveal cleavage, breasts, and/or navels.
6. Slits must be no higher than mid-thigh.
7. See-through or sheer material is not permitted as a covering for those portions of skin which must not be exposed.

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Uniform/Dress Code violations for grades K through 12 shall be addressed as is addressed for grades 8 through 12 in Cameron Parish School Board policy *JCDA, Student Code of Conduct*.

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