

2016-2017 Dress Code Policy

DRESS MENU

Shirts

Color: white, orange, grey, or black (solid, single color)

Style: (a) collared button or polo-style shirt, (b) dress or oxford-style shirts, (c) turtlenecks, (d) Ferris spirit shirts.

A spirit shirt is any t-shirt, sweatshirt, hoodie, or polo-style shirt that depicts or promotes student-related, school recognized, organizations in Ferris ISD. This includes all Ferris ISD sanctioned academic, athletic, and co/extracurricular organizations and clubs. This also includes shirts produced by campus PTOs and academic/athletic booster clubs, as well as generic Ferris Yellowjackets shirts available through local retail outlets and shirts provided by Ferris Youth Sport Leagues to participants. Spirit shirts must be black, white, orange, or grey and be of professional quality (screen print, embroidery, or applique). Spirit shirts are subject to administrator approval. Spirit shirts sold by school organizations are allowed.

1. All shirts must be tucked in at all times (not Pre-K & K), and must stay tucked in when arms are raised, and belts must be visible at all times.
2. All logos must be no larger than 2x2 inches and must be school appropriate. Administrators have final authority when determining appropriateness.
3. All shirts must be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.
4. No visible stripes, checks, or other designs on shirts.
5. Sleeveless or capped sleeve shirts are not allowed.

Bottoms

Color: Khaki, navy blue, black, grey (solid, single colors), or Royal Park #44 plaid

Style: Pleated or flat front casual slacks, pants, shorts, capris, skirts or skorts. Capris are pants whose bottom hem ends between the bottom of the knee and mid-calf.

1. Bottoms must be worn at the waist and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
2. Labels on bottoms must be no larger than 2x2 inches.
3. No sweatpants, wind pants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups, overalls, or coveralls.
4. No corduroy or denim materials allowed.
5. No baggy-legged style bottoms
6. Hem or kick pleats of skirts, skorts and shorts should fall between the bottom of the knee and no more than 3 inches above the knee (in both front and back).
7. Soccer-style or boxer-style shorts are not allowed (except in PE, Athletics, Cheer, etc.).
8. No cargo or carpenter-style pants or shorts.
9. Slit at bottom of slacks must have finished edges and be no longer than 3 inches.
10. In grades 4-12, bottoms (except skirts and skorts) must have belt loops and belts must be worn at all times.
11. No holes, tears, or frays, including jeans on discretionary dress days.

Jumpers/Dresses

Color: khaki, navy blue, black, grey (Solid, single color) or plaid (Royal Park #44 only)

Style: V-neck, square neck, or round neck jumpers; polo-style dresses

1. Hem and any kick pleat of jumpers must be no more than 3 inches above the top of knee cap (in both front and back).
2. Uniform shirt must be worn under the jumper at all times.
3. Labels on jumpers/dresses must be no larger than 2x2 inches.
4. No corduroy or denim materials allowed.

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Shoes

Style: tennis shoes, sneakers leather-like dress shoes (tie or loafer-type), or boots

1. Shoes must be worn and must match each other.
2. No para-military boots, open toed shoes, sandals, or flip-flops.
3. Heels can be no higher than 2 inches.
4. Shoes that have lights or wheels, flip flops, croc-style, sandals, house shoes/slippers, and backless shoes are not permitted

Socks, Hose, Tights, Leggings

Color: white, black, khaki, orange, or grey or flesh tone

1. Socks that can be seen must be one of the allowable colors listed above.
2. No-show socks or socks that are completely covered by pants or shoes may be any color except red or blue.
3. No fishnet socks, hose, tights, or leggings are allowed.
4. Stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs must be less than 2x2 inches.

Even with leggings, dresses or skirts should fall between the bottom of the knee and no more than 3 inches above the knee.

Belts

Color: white, khaki, black, brown, grey or orange

1. Belts must be worn at all times and worn inside the belt loops (optional Pre-K - 3rd)
2. Belts must be buckled.
3. No tie or fringe belts.
4. No stripes, checks, lettering, wording, pictures, or other designs.

Sweatshirts, Vests, Sweaters

Color: white, orange, grey, or black (solid, single color or Ferris spirit wear only)

1. Logos must be no larger than 2x2 inches and must be school appropriate. Administrators have final authority on appropriateness
2. Sweatshirts, vests, sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulder, sleeves, and length.
3. If a sweatshirt or sweater is worn without a uniform shirt underneath, sweatshirt may not be removed. Uniform shirts must be worn under all vests.

Outerwear

Color: white, grey, orange, black, brown, or khaki. No other colors may be included in the garment.

Style: windbreaker, fleece, sweater or sweatshirt-type jacket, coat

1. All other jackets/coats are not to be worn in the building.
2. Logos must be no larger than 2x2 inches and must be school appropriate. Administrators have final authority as appropriateness.
3. A jacket awarded by a school organization or ordered through a school organization can be worn at any time.
4. Outerwear may not be worn tied around the waist.

FJH and FHS - Any coat worn on campus must meet dress code guidelines at all times. Coats on other campuses may be stored in lockers if they do not meet guidelines.

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Other Guidelines

- A. Clothing may be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements.
- B. Clothing cannot be too tight or too revealing.
- C. No leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, denim, spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials
- D. Caps, hats, sunglasses and head coverings are not allowed.
- E. Overalls in any form are not allowed.
- F. Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction. (In grades 6-12, this includes having NO RED or BLUE on any clothing, shoes, backpack etc. with the exception of navy bottoms)
- G. All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or have finished edges.
- H. Undershirts may be white, orange, grey, or black (solid, single color with no printing or design visible).
- I. Sufficient undergarments are required.
- J. Bats, racquets, etc. may not be carried exposed on campuses except in athletic areas.
- K. Contact lenses must be natural eye colors and natural looking with no designs.

Grooming Guidelines

- A. Hair should be neat, clean, well-groomed, and styled so that vision will not be obstructed. Mohawks are not allowed. Hair should not be a distraction to the learning environment. Hair rollers are not allowed. Only natural hair colors are permitted, and designs in hair are not allowed.
- B. Tattoos are not allowed at school. Tattoos that are already in place must be covered and may not be visible in any way before students enter the building. Rules regarding tattoos apply at All school-sponsored events and activities as well.
- C. Nose rings or studs, tongue piercing or studs, and/or any other body piercing or studs are not allowed. Girls are allowed to wear earrings. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings or studs. Bandages or plastic fillers may not be used to cover a piercing. Rules regarding piercing apply at all school sponsored events and activities as well.

Headwear

Students shall not wear hats, caps, sunglasses, or other head coverings inside the building.

General Appearance of All Clothing

Frayed, cut off, or tattered clothing is not allowed, even in P.E. classes. Student attire should be modest and appropriate in length, fit, and design. Sufficient underclothing is required. Clinging or transparent clothing is unacceptable.

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New Students to District (10 Day Policy)

Students New to the District:

All students new to Ferris ISD shall have 10 calendar days to meet Student Dress Code regulations.

Bottoms

Slacks, dress pants, capris, shorts, skirts, skorts, or jumpers/dresses must be worn. Bottoms must be a single color, and cannot be denim material. All bottoms must be properly hemmed and cannot be frayed, torn or ripped in any way.

Shirts

Color: Any solid color except Red or Blue.

- A. Shirts must be collared and fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.
- B. All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times and must stay tucked in when arms are raised.
- C. All tops should cover the back, shoulders, and stomach. No skin is to show at the waist.
- D. Un-hemmed or sleeveless tops are not acceptable.
- E. No t-shirts are allowed.
- F. No lettering, wording or graphics on shirts.

Belts

Belts must be worn if bottoms have belt loops.

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Opt-Out Students

Opt-Out Exemption for Currently Enrolled Students:

A parent or guardian of a student may apply for the student to be exempt from the dress code. “Dress Code Opt-Out” applications forms may be obtained from the campus office or school district central office and must be submitted to campus principals by the last day of instruction of the previous school year. Students who are approved for “Dress Code Opt-Out” are required to meet the alternative/interim dress code provisions.

Opt-Out/Exemption Provisions for New Students:

Parents or guardians of new students and students moving to the district must complete and submit applications for “Dress Code Opt-Out” to the campus administrator within 10 school days of enrollment. Students who are denied “Opt-Out” have 10 calendar days from notification date to meet Student Dress Code Policy.

Opt-Out/Exemption Alternative & New Student Interim Student Dress Code:

This policy is only for new students to the District and students with school board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the district have 10 calendar days to comply with the uniform policy. Students in the process of opt-out appeal [See FNCA (L) and FNG (L) for process and timelines.] must comply with Opt-Out alternative/interim student dress code guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the student uniform policy guidelines. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves so as not to:

1. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; or
2. Create a hazard to the student’s own health or safety or to the health or safety of others.

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hairstyles, make-up or other attractions that would in the opinion of the principal tend to promote student disruption, jeopardize student conduct, or otherwise interfere with the educational process. (Clothing containing offensive slogans, symbols, logos, and other suggestive or controversial designs are not allowed.)

Students will keep themselves neatly groomed and dressed and will keep their hair neat and clean. Grooming and dress that will disturb, interfere with, or distracts from school activities will not be allowed. Neatly groomed and dressed shall be defined as dress and grooming that is standard and conforms to local community and school district etiquette and decorum. It is within these principles that FISSD will enforce the following dress code items, specifically but not limited to:

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Extra-Curricular Activities: (Students and Non-Participating Athletes)

The following school dress policy is to be followed by ALL students attending an extracurricular activity at both local and away events.

- A. Clothing may be NO more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.
- B. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. All athletic sandals must be worn with socks. (Nike, Reebok, etc.) All athletic sandals must have a strap on the heel for safety purposes. Flip-flops cannot be worn at any time.
- C. Length of clothing for ALL students (shorts, dresses, skirts, skorts, etc.) must be appropriate. Appropriate length is defined as no more than 3 inches above the knee length for shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers/dresses. Slits in skirts or dresses must not extend beyond 3 inches above the bend of the back of the knee. A shirt or top will be considered too short if it does not cover the waistband when the student is standing with their arms extended straight above their head.
- D. Clothing and other articles not allowed at school events:
 - NO RED OR BLUE CLOTHING.
 - Low-cut dresses or tops, crop tops, half-shirts, and undershirts
 - Jeans that have been ripped, shredded, or have holes
 - Clothing with alcohol, drug, tobacco, or other inappropriate slogan, picture, or design
 - Biking shorts, biking pants, or spandex clothing of any kind
 - No facial, nose tongue, or body piercing studs or related jewelry of any kind.
 - Students will not be allowed to wear bandages to cover prohibited piercings. These prohibited jewelry items and studs will be removed while the student is attending school related or school sponsored activities.
 - Girls may wear earrings or studs in the ears. Boys may NOT wear earrings or studs.
 - Tattoos must be covered at all times.
 - Sweatbands and bandanas
 - Cut-offs not hemmed
 - Pants that are sagging (the fingertip rule will be used- Students stand straight with arms down at sides, highpoint of inseam cannot be below the fingertips)
 - All tops should cover the back, shoulders, and stomach. No skin is to show at the waist.
 - All straps and suspenders on any form of clothing must be fastened and worn appropriately.

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Discretionary/Spirit Days:

The principal, with superintendent's approval, may designate "Discretionary/Spirit Days" and has the authority to establish a particular mode of attire for those special days or a part of those days. Students who do not choose to participate with the particular mode of attire for those special occasion days are required to follow the Student Dress Code Policy.

Pep-Rallies and other Special Events:

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extra-curricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in special events such as pep-rallies.

Dress Code on School Property during School Hours:

Students are to follow Student Dress Code Policy on school property during school hours and extended instructional day activities.

Consequences:

Non-exempt students who attend school in violation of the Student Dress Code will be dealt with in accordance with the FISD Student Code of Conduct.

Funding:

Economically disadvantaged parents or guardians may request assistance in purchasing or obtaining required school clothing. Requests for assistance may be directed to the Student Support Secretary, Taylor Oster, at 972-544-3858, or to your child's counselor or principal. Parents or guardians of students moving into the district who wish to apply for assistance must apply within five school days of enrollment.

Final Authority:

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress menu. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in the dress code policy shall be within the discretion of the administration.

All situations cannot be covered by our district policy. Good judgment and proper taste applied in the public school and educational setting can be used to resolve most matters. Individuals desiring further clarification should contact the campus principal of the school their child attends. The campus principal or assistant principal shall be the final authority as to the appropriateness of student attire on each respective campus. The campus principal or his/her designee has the final say on what clothing may or may not be worn at the extracurricular event.