

OCPS Student Dress Code

The dress and grooming of Orange County Public Schools' students shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual, promote a positive educational environment, and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. These standards of dress and grooming apply to all students in the public schools of Orange County, unless a specific exemption is granted by the principal. Any request for an exemption shall be made to the principal.

1. Clothes shall be worn as they are designed. For example, suspenders should be over the shoulders, pants secured at the waist, belts buckled, no underwear as outerwear, no underwear exposed.
2. Clothing with holes, rips, tears, or inappropriate patches will not be allowed if considered obscene.
3. Bare midriffs and bare sides shall not show when arms are extended above the head.
4. Clothing normally worn when participating in a school sponsored extracurricular or sports activity may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor, coach, or principal. Examples would be cheerleader, drill-team and band uniforms, team shirts, etc.
5. Clothing that is too tight, revealing, or causes disruption is inappropriate.
6. Gang paraphernalia, garments and/or jewelry, tattoos, or other insignias, which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related wording/graphics or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in school shall not be worn.
7. Headgear shall not be worn on campus during the school day, unless the headgear is approved by the principal. Headgear includes, but is not limited to, hats, visors, du-rags, bandanas, bonnets, hoodies, shower caps, sunglasses, etc.
8. Chains hanging from the neck, belt, pocket, or attached to the wallet shall not be worn.
9. Jewelry that contains any type of sharp object shall not be worn.
10. Hemlines of shorts, dresses, skirts, and skorts shall be no shorter than mid-thigh.
11. Clothing must be 3 inches at the shoulder.
12. Shoes shall be worn. The following are not acceptable:
 - A. Thong sandals (K-8)
 - B. Cleated Shoes (K-12)
 - C. Backless Shoes (K-8)
 - D. Shoes with wheels (K-12)
13. Individual schools may implement school uniforms with community input and approval of the principal's supervisor.

Any student who violates this dress policy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and Section 1006.07(2)(d), Florida Statutes. Individual schools are expected to use the state and district dress and grooming guidelines as minimum standards; any adjustments may be made upon the principal's supervisor.

Added HCMS Dress Code:

Pants/Bottoms:

- 1) Jeans with holes must be worn with shorts under them- no skin showing above the knees.
- 2) **Holes on the knees or below, are okay.**
- 3) No short shorts or skirts
- 4) No tight fitting shorts/skirts
- 5) Leggings and yoga pants are allowed ONLY if worn with a long shirt or short dress which covers the legs to the length of two fingers above the knees.

Procedures for Dress Code Violations:

1. Check all students in your 1st period
 2. Send any students out of dress code to the front office with a “Dress Code” pass
 3. Students will be provided with clothing items if available to change their clothes
 4. Students may have to go to PASS if they are unable to change their clothes
 5. Students will return to class with a signed copy of the Dress Code pass
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HCMS Cellphone Policy:

No cellphone use on school grounds during the school day for any reason. Students may use their cellphones after school as soon as they are outside the roll down gates in order to allow them to communicate with their parents.

Gum

No gum is allowed on campus at anytime.