

McIntosh County Uniform Dress Code

In the interest of improved student performance, school safety, a reduction in student disruptions, and improved student self-esteem, the McIntosh County Board of Education has enacted a mandatory uniform dress code policy for all students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

K-12

Dress Code Procedures

The following clothing styles and colors will be considered appropriate:

1. Solid khaki or black pants, skirts, jumpers with approved tops, uniform dresses with sleeves, skorts (skirts with shorts k-5 only), and shorts are allowed. Shorts, skirts, jumpers, dresses and skorts must not be more than three inches above the top of the knee cap. Shorts and pants cannot have pockets or zippers on the legs.
2. Only solid red, black, or white polo style; red, black, or white buttoned down dress shirts, and/or red, black, or white blouses will be allowed for all schools.

Uniforms must also abide by the following guidelines:

1. Shirts may have a school insignia, but no other ornamentation is allowed on any clothing;
2. Buttoned down dress shirts and blouses must be tucked in. No oversized shirts.
3. No denim, jogging, “skinny“ pants, skater pants, or cargo pants, leggings, or pants containing spandex (Lycra) material.
4. Uniforms must be made of a standard uniform material such as cotton or twill; and have a sewn hem.
5. No zippers or pockets on pant legs; and,
6. Pants, skirts, skorts and shorts must be worn at the natural waist. They cannot be poorly fitted, tight, body hugging, or oversized and baggy, so as to allow sagging of the pants. Belts must be worn if pants or skirts have belt loops. Belts must be a solid color and unadorned. Belts and belt buckles must not be oversized nor have any writing or symbols.

Accessories

1. Shoes must be a matched pair and must be enclosed at the front and fastened/tied properly. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Bedroom shoes and slippers are not allowed. No Flip Flops or Sandals;
2. Solid color sweaters or sweatshirts with and/or without an extracurricular school insignia (color appropriate) may be worn over uniform shirts;
3. Coats and jackets may be worn over uniforms;
4. Solid white, or gray, T-shirts, or a color appropriate to the school, may be worn under uniform shirts. Solid color turtlenecks (white or a color appropriate to the school) may be worn under uniform shirts;
5. Each school may choose a spirit day bi-monthly to wear school spirit shirts previously purchased before 2014-2015 school year;
6. No manner of clothing, jewelry, button, or pin may display drugs, cigarettes, sexually suggestive items, alcohol, profanity, gang related logos or messages, or pictures or words that are determined to be distracting or demeaning to others by the school’s administrators;

7. Hats, caps, sweatbands, sunglasses, and other head coverings inside the building are not permitted. These items are only allowed outside the building and must not obscure the person's identity. Bandannas are not allowed on school property.
8. Pierced earrings are permissible when worn in the ear as designed. Other body piercings are not permitted to be visible at school. Students may not wear at school items such as nose rings, nose pins, tongue rings, tongue pins, or any jewelry to accessorize facial or body piercings;
9. Extreme hair color/hairstyles, make-up, etc., must not be inflammatory or offensive. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed. Hair color should be naturally occurring colors (blonde, brunette, red, or black);
10. Chains, wallet chains, and spiked jewelry are not allowed on campus or at school related activities;
11. Only tights, hose, leggings, or socks may be worn. Tights, hose, leggings, and socks must be solid black, tan, white, or red and must be a matched pair. No hose with designs may be worn;

Dress Down Days

School administrators will be allowed to reserve two (2) "Dress Down Days" each month as a motivator or reward. Dress on these days should follow the McIntosh County Schools' Dress Policy for dress down days as listed in the Code of Conduct. "Dress Down Days" should not be held during the first month of a school year (with the exception of school picture day). School administrators will also have the authority to allow groups to modify their dress on given days to allow for special programs and/or situations. This could include cheerleaders, sports teams, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

All teachers will enforce the above items on a daily basis each day and period. Should a student not be in compliance with the dress code, he/she will be required to comply before returning to class. All students must comply with the above dress code for the entire school day including during physical activity time, during PE, etc. This includes cheerleaders/dance team, flag corps, and other groups except during performances.

Violation of the dress code will result in a Level I or Level II Discipline depending upon the severity and frequency of the offense.

Dress Code Requirements for Dress Down Days

1. Shoes must be worn at all times, tied securely, and firmly anchored to the feet. No shower shoes, bedroom shoes, shoes with wheels, slippers, or roller blades are allowed;
2. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in even if they are not tucked in (no bare midriffs);
3. No manner of clothing, jewelry, button, or pin may display drugs, cigarettes, sexually suggestive items, alcohol, profanity, gang related logos or messages, or pictures or words that are determined to be distracting or demeaning to others by the school's administrators;
4. All shirts/dresses/tops must be fitted around the arm so that undergarments are not exposed. The width of the strap over the shoulder must be at least two (2) inches. No low-cut, revealing shirts are allowed;
5. Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, and other head coverings inside the building are not permitted;
6. Spandex clothing is not permitted;
7. Shirts and pants must be free of deliberate holes and tears;
8. Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be non-body hugging, have a sewn hem, and must not be more than three inches above the top of the kneecap. Splits in skirts must follow the same rule;
9. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed;

10. Pants must be worn at the natural waist. They cannot be poorly fitted, tight, body hugging, or oversized and baggy, so as to allow sagging of the pants. Belts must be worn if pants, skirts, or shorts have belt loops. Belt buckles must not be oversized nor have any writing that is considered offensive;
11. Sheer garments are not permitted;
12. If pants, shorts, or skirts have straps which fit over the shoulders, the straps must be fastened in front and back of clothing and must be worn on the shoulders;
13. Pierced earrings are permissible when worn in the earlobes as designed. Other body piercings are not permitted to be visible at school. Students may not wear at school items such as nose rings, nose pins, tongue rings, tongue pins, or any jewelry to accessorize facial or body piercings;
14. Extreme color/hairstyles, make-up, etc., must not be a distraction, immodest, inflammatory, or offensive; and,
15. Chains, wallet chains, and spiked jewelry are not allowed on campus or at school related activities.

School Dress Code Closets

Each school will maintain a uniform dress closet. This closet will contain a variety of sizes of uniforms for students who are newly enrolled or are noncompliant.

Newly Enrolled Students

Students newly enrolled in the school system will be given ten (10) school days to prepare adequately for the dress code policy.

Until that time they may borrow uniforms from the Uniform Dress Closet without penalty. However, students must wear a school uniform each day.

Non-compliance Procedures

Each school will strive to achieve full compliance within the guidelines of the Uniform Dress Code Policy. Since non-compliance interferes with the smooth operation of the school, the plan listed below has been developed to address students who do not comply with the required dress code procedures. If a student is not in compliance with the dress code, the student will be referred for consequences AND either assigned ISS or allowed to correct the problem.

1st Occurrence – The teacher will send home a letter from the administration

2nd Occurrence – The teacher will send home a letter from the administration and call the parent or guardian.

3rd Occurrence – A conference will be set up between an administrator and the parent to address the problem and develop a solution

4th Occurrence – School officials will administer punishments and set up under Level I in the Code of Conduct.

5th and Additional Occurrences – School officials will administer punishments as set up under Levels I or II in the Code of Conduct.