

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE:**

The school is responsible for fostering and reinforcing good habits of dress and grooming, as well as promoting an atmosphere of learning. By doing so, we are hopeful students will develop an understanding of appropriate dress in specific environments. Appropriate dress, neatness, and cleanliness are expected of all students. Any article of dress that tends to draw unfavorable attention, interferes with instruction, threatens health or safety, or is in obvious poor taste is not appropriate for school. Below are some guidelines for appropriate dress in the school environment:

**Purpose of the Student Dress Code:**

1. Improve the academic environment;
2. Promote school pride;
3. Ensure school safety

**General Clothing Guidelines:**

- ⤴ No article of clothing which depicts drugs, alcoholic beverages, profane or obscene language, sexual overtones, or make disparaging comments about another's racial, ethnic, or religious heritage may be worn at any time.
- ⤴ Inappropriately frayed, ragged, altered, or unfastened clothing will not be permitted.
- ⤴ No article of clothing that has holes that have been deliberately cut or of a revealing nature will be allowed.

**Tops:**

- ⤴ All shirts must have short, three-quarter, or long sleeves.
- ⤴ An appropriate fitting shirt covers all of the student's waist front and back.
- ⤴ Polo shirts and T-shirts representing Cuba Elementary School, Cuba Sports and Academic Teams, Colleges and Universities, and Pro teams are encouraged and acceptable.
- ⤴ T-shirts can have writing, but it must be non-offensive. This includes bands of any genre that have lyrics that are rude and offensive.
- ⤴ Shirts with spaghetti straps and muscle shirts are not allowed.
- ⤴ Straps on dresses/tops must have a two (2) inch width at the shoulder.

**Bottoms:**

- ⤴ Pants, shorts, and overalls must be appropriate size.
- ⤴ No "low-riders" or "hip-hugger" pants will be allowed.
- ⤴ Properly fitted sweat suits will be allowed.
- ⤴ Leggings and close fitting knit pants, can only be worn with tops which extend no less

than one inch (1”) below the fingertips when standing.

- ⤴ Shorts must extend no less than one inch (1”) below the fingertips when standing.

#### **Dresses and skirts:**

- Dresses and skirts will be considered acceptable if they extend no less than one inch (1”) below the fingertips when standing.

#### **Jackets/Coats:**

- ⤴ Jackets/coats may be any color, and the general guidelines must be met.
- ⤴ Excessively large jackets are prohibited.
- ⤴ Hooded jackets (zip-up or button-up) will be allowed. Hoods must be down inside the building.
- ⤴ Jackets/coats may not be worn to cover up inappropriate clothing.

#### **Sunglasses:**

- ⤴ Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn inside the building.

#### **Headgear:**

- ⤴ Hats, bandanas, hoods, skullcaps, are not to be worn in the classroom or in the building.
- ⤴ Scarves may be worn around the neck only.

#### **Shoes:**

- ⤴ All shoes and sandals must be in good repair.
- ⤴ All shoes must fit securely on feet.
- ⤴ Any color shoe may be worn.
- ⤴ Flip flops, slippers, or house shoes are not permitted.
- ⤴ All shoes must be secured at the toe and/or heel with shoelaces tied, buckled, secured, or fastened with Velcro for the student’s safety.
- ⤴ Cleats and Heelys (roller shoes) are not permitted.

#### **Special events:**

- ⤴ Special events help promote school spirit and are planned on a school wide basis.
- ⤴ Students are encouraged to participate in dressing up for these special days.

**The school does not wish to have to interrupt the student’s time in class or inconvenience parents by having to bring their child a change of clothes to school. For this reason, it is suggested that rather than wear any clothing which is questionable and which might not be allowed, it would be better for students to wear clothing that is definitely within the framework of the dress code. The school earnestly asks for parent cooperation in this matter.**

*The school administration will judge the appropriateness of any fad or questionable article of apparel, jewelry, or hairstyle.*

*Accommodations for students with disabilities or religious requirements will be made on an individual basis. Students with special needs conditions or requirements shall contact the building administrator for individual consideration.*

*The school administration reserves the right to modify the dress code if a situation arises that may threaten the efficiency of the academic day or the safety of the students.*

***For compelling reasons, such as medical requirements, the principal, Superintendent or Board, may at their discretion, review an individual situation to determine whether a modification of a provision is required for the health and safety of a particular student or for certain groups during performances or special activities.***