

ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (PreK-8)
2020-2021 COVID 19 SCHOOL UNIFORM WAIVER AND GUIDELINES
STUDENT DRESS CODE

Due to the current school reopening plan, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 the Atlantic City Board of Education has revised the school Uniform Policy requirements. *Students may wear, but will not be required to wear uniforms daily.* Proper grooming sets the tone for a respectable school. It is our responsibility to strive for a positive learning atmosphere. Anything which might distract from that must, in fairness to all, be discouraged. In an effort to assist our students and their parents, the school has established the following dress code:

General Rules

- Pupils are expected to be clean and well-groomed in their appearance
- Pupils are expected to avoid extremes in appearance that are disruptive or distracting that the reaction of other pupils is beyond normal control
- Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated

Inappropriate Content for Clothing

- Obscenities or vulgarities in words or pictures
 - Drug, alcohol or gang-related references
 - Harassing or biased words or pictures related to race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation
 - Undergarments should not be visible (boxer shorts, bras, panties, etc.)
 - Pajama tops and/or bottoms, sleep-bottoms, and/or slippers
 - Midriffs (abdomens or lower backs) should not be visible
 - Cleavage should not be visible
 - Tube tops, halter tops, and single-strap tops are not permitted
 - Spaghetti strap tops can only be worn with another shirt over them
 - Shirts that are sheer and/or expose the torso (without another shirt worn under them) are not to be worn
 - Extremely short tops, shorts, or skirts are not allowed; appropriate shorts and skirts are at least fingertip length when arms are straight down at pupil's side
 - Extremely tight/form-fitting articles of clothing are not to be worn (spandex, lycra, etc.)
 - Articles of clothing with tears, holes, rips, or slits that expose skin are not allowed
 - Hats, hoods and head coverings are not to be worn in the building
 - Hats promoting sex, drugs, racial slurs and ethnic intimidations, alcohol, tobacco, profanity and violence are prohibited at all times
 - Offensive or insulting haircuts are not permitted
 - Bandanas and "do-rags" are not permitted
- Note:** Religious beliefs may require students to cover their heads

Additional Requirements:

Footwear

All students must wear some form of closed flat footwear at all times. Toes or heels should not be exposed. High heels, platforms, or wedges are not permitted. This is a safety and health issue. Shoes should be comfortable and safe for all school activities. Slides (UGG and Croc style) and flip flops are not permitted. Sneakers are strongly suggested.

Jewelry

Please limit jewelry worn to school, particularly necklaces and chains so that it does not get lost or cause injury. Excessive, bulky, or extreme jewelry is not permitted. Jewelry or accessories with spikes or other potentially dangerous features are prohibited. Jewelry is worn at your own risk. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Jewelry Piercings

Extreme and or excessive piercings are not appropriate at school. Excessive and/or extreme piercing can lead to health issues with potential for infection and injuries.

Enforcement

All school staff will be involved in the dress code enforcement. Students who may be considered in violation of the dress code will be referred to the principal or his/her designee for final decisions. If a student is out of dress code, a parent will be required to bring a change of clothing to the school upon request. Students *may* be required to wear some school-provided clothing to complete a school day. Not all circumstances are necessarily covered by the dress code. If you have any doubt as to whether or not a specific article of clothing may be a violation of the dress code, do not wear it until you are certain it is acceptable.

Procedures for Dress Code Violations

- The parent/guardian will be contacted and given an explanation of the violation
- The student will be allowed to change clothes if clothing is available
- Disciplinary action may be taken based on the code of conduct
- Repeated violations of the dress code policy will not be tolerated