



## Middle School Dress Code

Davidson Charter Academy believes that the dress and personal appearance of students impacts their interactions with their academic environment. DCA requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning. Generally, dress, and grooming standards as determined by the student and his or her parents will be deemed acceptable. However, DCA prohibits any appearance or clothing that does the following:

1. violates a reasonable dress code adopted and publicized by the school;
2. is substantially disruptive
3. is provocative or obscene; or
4. endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

Before receiving disciplinary consequences, a student who is not in compliance with this policy or school dress code will be given a reasonable amount of time to make adjustments so that he or she will be in compliance. Disciplinary consequences for a student who fails to comply after being offered this opportunity shall be consistent with DCA's Discipline Procedures.

### Dress Code Violation Consequences

1<sup>st</sup> Violation- Student counseled and warned

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation- Lunch detention; parent notified

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation- After school detention; parent notified

4<sup>th</sup> Violation- Behavior Referral to administrator; consequences may include In-School Suspension

DCA prohibits clothing which is inappropriate, provocative, revealing or contains suggestive or provocative messages. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Bare midriff tops, Halter tops, Off-the-shoulder tops, or Spaghetti strap tops
- Muscle shirts
- Shorts or skirts that are more than three inches above the knee
- Pants that display holes more than three inches above the knee
- Low-cut or baggy pants that are revealing or show undergarments
- Leggings without proper length covering garment
- Swim wear
- Pajamas

Davidson Charter Academy prohibits clothing that is unsafe, dangerous, or hazardous to health. This includes but is not limited to:

- Socks or sock-like footwear without shoes
- Shoes that have open heels or without straps including slides and flip flops
- Sunglasses in the building
- Hats/hoods in the building
- Clothing and jewelry that advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or other illegal substances,

Students are required to wear tennis shoes during all physical activity, including physical education classes.

This policy applies at all times when students are present on school property or in attendance at official, school-sponsored events.

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