



Elementary Student Dress Code

The purpose of this policy is to enhance school safety, improve the learning environment, and promote good behavior. Children's attitudes toward schoolwork and behavior are related to the clothing that they wear. Therefore, we recommend clothing and footwear suitable for a working atmosphere and appropriate weather. To achieve this goal, the following guidelines are in place at Davidson Charter Academy.

Tops

- Shirts with sleeves are recommended.
- Halter and thin-strapped tank tops are not permitted.
- Bare midriff tops are not permitted.
- All graphics, logos, writings, designs, etc. must be appropriate for the school setting.

Bottoms

- Pants and shorts need to fit at the waist. Sagging clothing is not acceptable.
- Extremely brief shorts and short skirts are not appropriate for school. Mid-thigh length or longer is appropriate.
- Leggings can be worn with proper length covering garment.
- Pants that display holes more than three inches above the knee

Shoes

- Tennis shoes or sturdy, form-fitting shoes are recommended for the school day.
- Open-toe shoes are not permitted.
- Tennis shoes must be worn during PE class and all physical activity.

General

- Tops and bottoms must always overlap, including when arms are raised.
- Hats, hoods, and other headwear may not be worn during the school day unless for school-sponsored activities.
- Pajamas may not be worn during the school day unless for school-sponsored activities.
- Bulky coats (outerwear) may not be worn indoors during the school day.
- The following items are inappropriate for school and therefore not permitted:
 - Clothing that is in disrepair
 - Anything that may cause a distraction to the educational process or is deemed inappropriate or unsafe.

Before receiving disciplinary consequences, a student who is not in compliance with the Elementary Student Dress Code policy 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

1st Violation- Student counseled and warned; parents are notified by the classroom teacher.

2nd Violation- Parents are contacted by school counselor and must bring alternative clothing for their child.

3rd Violation- Parents are contacted by school counselor and must bring alternative clothing for their child and the school counselor will schedule a meeting with the parents to discuss the repeated dress code violations.

4th Violation- Behavior Referral to administrator; consequences may include In-School Suspension