

Coral Shores High School

GENERAL CODE OF APPEARANCE

The standards of dress and grooming in Monroe County School District shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual, promote a positive educational environment, and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. Each student has the responsibility to dress appropriately. These standards of dress and grooming apply to all PreK – 12 students in the public schools of Monroe County unless a specific exemption is granted by the principal. Any request for an exemption shall be made to the principal.

1. Individual schools may implement school uniforms with community input and approval of the principal's supervisor. See individual school policies related to this topic.
2. Individual schools are expected to use the state and district dress and grooming guidelines as minimum standards; any adjustments may be made upon approval of the principal's supervisor. The principal at each school reserves the right to determine what appropriate dress is for the school as detailed in these minimum standards. Coral Shores policies and clarifications include the following:
 - Holes in clothing cannot show skin above mid thigh.
 - No head coverings of any kind are allowed.
 - Spandex, leggings, and biker shorts are permitted at school if worn with shirts or tops that extend over the waist when arms are raised.
 - Students are prohibited from wearing attire that may be used as weapons, such as chain belts, wallet chains, and apparel with spikes.
3. Clothes shall be worn as they are designed. For example, suspenders should be over the shoulders, pants secured at the waist, belts buckled, no underwear as outerwear, no underwear including boxer shorts exposed.
4. All shirts and blouses must cover the midriff, back, sides and all undergarments including bra straps at all times. Tops must have shoulder straps that are at least 2 inches wide. No tube tops or strapless garments are allowed. Undergarments must not be visible.
5. Shoes shall be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment. The following shoes are not acceptable for any MCSD student: cleated shoes, shoes with wheels, and bedroom slippers.
 - a. The following shoes are not acceptable for MCSD students in grades PreK-8: thong sandals or backless shoes.
 - b. Inappropriate shoes will result in playground and physical education restrictions when safety is a factor.
 - c. Individual schools have the option to alter the shoe policy.
6. Shorts, skirts, skorts and dresses must reach the mid-thigh or below in length with the waistband worn at the waist level.
7. Head coverings and sunglasses shall not be worn in the classroom, unless the head covering is approved by the principal. Students in grades PreK-5 may not wear head coverings and sunglasses upon entering the school building unless the head covering or sunglasses are approved by the principal.

8. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms, or safety gear and must be approved by the principal before being worn during the school day
9. See-through, revealing, or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath or over that meet the minimum requirements of this dress code.
10. All clothing, jewelry, or tattoos shall be free of the following: profanity, violent images, wording or suggestions; sexually suggestive phrases or images, gang-related symbols; alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons or advertisements for such products.
11. Clothing must not state, imply, or depict hate speech or imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected class.
12. Clothing and accessories that endanger students or staff shall not be worn.

EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING & ATTIRE

- Sagging or low riding pants or slacks
- Pajamas or house slippers
- Crop tops
- Spandex, leggings & biker shorts
- One-shoulder strap tops
- Strapless garments
- Bare midriff tops & shirts
- Tube tops
- Bare back tops
- Spaghetti straps
- Head coverings (any kind) in the classroom
- Chains (any kind) belts or wallet
- Bandannas worn or displayed
- Revealing shorts, skirts, or shirts
- Sunglasses in the classroom