

# **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.

Individual schools may implement school uniforms with community input and approval of the principal's supervisor. See individual school policies related to this topic.

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.

1. Clothes shall be worn as they are designed.
  - a. Ex: Suspenders should be over the shoulder, pants secured at the waist, belts buckled, no underwear as outerwear, and no underwear including boxer shorts exposed.
2. All shirts and blouses must cover the midriff, back, sides when arms are raised.
3. Tops must have shoulder straps that are at least 2 inches wide. No tube tops or strapless garments are allowed. Undergarments, including bra straps, must not be visible.
4. 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. Inappropriate shoes will result in physical education and laboratory restrictions when safety is a factor.
5. The length of shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must extend beyond mid-thigh.
6. Holes in clothing must be below mid-thigh.

7. Head coverings and sunglasses shall not be worn indoors, unless the head covering is 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, low-cut, 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 suggestion; sexually suggestive phrases or images, gang-related symbols; alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons or advertisements for such products.
  - a. Ex: Bars, Distilleries, Dispensaries, Playboy, Sniper Gang Apparel, etc.
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.
  - a. Ex: Spikes, chains, self-defense keychains, etc.

### **Examples of Inappropriate Clothing and Attire**

- Apparel referencing drugs, alcohol, violence, or weapons or are sexually suggestive
- Apparel with profanity or hate speech
- Clothing worn incorrectly
- Sagging or low riding pants or slacks
- Strapless garments, crop tops, tube tops, backless garments, or clothing that expose midriffs
- Tops with spaghetti straps or a single strap
- Clothing with holes above mid-thigh
- Pajamas or house slippers
- Head coverings indoors
  - Hoods must remain down on hoodies at all times
- Sunglasses indoors
- Apparel with chains or spikes
- Self-defense keys chains
- Bandannas worn or displayed