

Dress Code and Uniform Information

This general policy acknowledges that appropriate, decent, and non-distracting attire must be worn in an educational setting. The goal of this policy is to assist students in presenting themselves in a manner that is conducive to a safe and orderly learning environment. Families are encouraged to monitor their students' dress to ensure compliance. Deer Park Middle will require all students to wear the approved uniform. School uniforms encourage students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, and creates a sense of school pride and belonging.

FACE COVERINGS

Students and staff are expected to wear face coverings at all times. Anyone walking, biking or exiting a vehicle on campus will be required to wear a face covering. Students will also be expected to wear face coverings on school buses. (Note: Students who are age two or younger and students/staff with documented medical conditions may be permitted to not wear a face covering.)

Exceptions for wearing face coverings may include mealtimes, outdoor activities where 6 foot distancing can be maintained, planned mask breaks, and individuals working in private spaces.

Neck scarves, bandanas, gaiters and masks with exhalation valves or vents are not acceptable face coverings and shall not be used.

CCSD will follow DHEC guidelines regarding face coverings as conditions change.

TOPS

Uniform shirts for young men and women will consist of the following options:

- Short or long-sleeve collared polo shirt in black, hunter green, purple, or gray
- Deer Park spirit wear is acceptable and encouraged any day of the week
- Under shirts/turtlenecks can be worn under the polo shirt but must be black, hunter green, purple or gray ONLY. Undershirts must be tucked into the bottoms and not visible below the outer shirt.
- No emblems, logos, decorations, or decorative trim will be allowed (Deer Park spirit wear is permitted).

BOTTOMS

Uniform **pants** for young men and women will consist of:

- **Solid khaki or black** dress or all season pants (Dockers style)
- A belt is required if the garment has belt loops
- Pants must be appropriately fitting - no baggy or sagging pants will be allowed
- No emblems, logos, decorations, or decorative trim will be allowed
- Pants must be without holes, ragged hems, or distressed

Uniform **shorts** for young men and women will consist of:

- **Solid khaki or black** all-season shorts (Dockers style)
- A belt is required if the garment has belt loops
- Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer
- Shorts must be appropriately fitting - no baggy or sagging shorts will be allowed
- No emblems, logos, decorations, or decorative trim will be allowed
- Shorts must be without holes, ragged hems, or distressed

Uniform skirts, Capri pants, or skorts for young women will consist of:

- Capri pants, skirts, or skorts in **solid khaki or black** are permitted
- A belt is required if the garment has belt loops
- Skirts and skorts must be mid-thigh or longer
- No tights, spandex or leggings will be allowed unless worn under the skirt, skort, or short
- **Tights or leggings worn under a skirt, skort, or short must be solid black, hunter green, purple, or gray with NO DESIGN / PATTERN**
- No emblems, logos, decoration, or decorative trim
- No sweatpants, jogging pants, or spandex will be allowed
- Capri pants, skirts, dresses and skorts must be without holes, ragged hems, or distressed

SHOES

Acceptable footwear for young women and men will consist of:

- Appropriate school shoes (tennis/athletic/sneakers/dress/casual) must be worn at all times
- Shoes with laces must be laced and tied at all times
- Open-toed or **open heel** shoes are not permitted

- Flip flops sandals (i.e. - Jack Rogers), slides, bedroom shoes including slipper boots, athletic slippers, and shoes with wheels are not permitted

OUTERWEAR

Acceptable uniform outerwear for young women and men will consist of:

- Outerwear **MUST be solid** black, hunter green, purple, or gray with no patterns, and appropriately fitting. Outerwear must be free from logos, emblems, and decorative trim, however small logos less than 3 inches are allowed
- A collared uniform shirt must be worn underneath outerwear
- **Solid** black, hunter green, purple, or gray V-neck , crew neck or button down sweaters, cardigans, sweatshirts without hoods may be worn. Deer Park spirit wear sweatshirts are permitted at any time
- **Solid** black, hunter green, purple, or gray **lightweight** fleece vests, or fleece jackets without hoods may be worn
- Coats and jackets other than the approved lightweight fleece, are not subject to the uniform policy but must be taken off and stored in the locker while in school

ACCESSORIES

- Hats, visors, bandanas, bonnets, du-rags and tams are not appropriate for school and may not be worn
- Scarves are permitted in any color but can only be worn around the neckline
- Wearing of jewelry, facial piercings, and accessories (hair picks, combs, etc.) that may cause injury or distraction as determined by the administration will not be allowed
- No clothing, jewelry, or accessory will be permitted that displays profanity, weapons, violence, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drug advertisements or other inappropriate phrases or symbols as determined by the administration
- While on the Deer Park campus, students may not wear towels, blankets, or bandanas as accessories on clothing, around the body, or on book bags

If a student violates the uniform or dress code, parents must provide appropriate clothing within a short time period to correct dress code violations. These measures will be taken in lieu of the student being removed from the educational setting for the balance of the day whenever appropriate. Students who repeatedly violate the dress code will be subject to disciplinary action. Students are responsible for returning any school-owned shirts that they wear to the school. A student who does not return the school-issued shirt will be charged a replacement fee.

**The same dress code applies during special events; however, students may be allowed to wear items based on the day's activities as approved by administration.*