

## Dress Menu

### **BEGINNING IN AUGUST 2008 “HOODIES” WILL NO LONGER BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR SCHOOL.**

#### **Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks Style**

1. Collared knit button or snap polo shirt.
2. Dress style, button only shirts/blouses with long or short sleeves (no snaps).
3. Turtlenecks.

Color: White, Yellow, Green, Orange, or Black (solid, single colors).

1. All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times, must stay tucked in when arms are raised and belts must be visible at all times.
2. Ferris school logos only (2 by 2 inches) – optional.
3. All shirts and blouses must be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.
4. No visible stripes, checks, or other designs on shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks.
5. Sleeveless shirts/blouses or shirts/blouses with cap sleeves are not allowed.
6. Thermal type shirts are not allowed.
7. No zippered shirts or blouses.

#### **Slacks, Shorts**

Style: Pleated or flat front casual slacks (belted and full-length); walking-style shorts.

Color: Khaki, Navy Blue or Black (solid, single colors)

1. Slacks must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
2. Belts (black or brown) must be worn at all times and worn inside belt loops – optional for Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. No logos or labels on slacks.
4. No sweatpants, wind pants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups, or coveralls.
5. Corduroy and colored denim jean materials are not allowed.
6. No baggy-style legged slacks.
7. Hem of shorts should fall between the bottom of knee and no more than 3 inches above the knee (in both front and back).
8. Soccer or boxer style shorts are not allowed (except in PE/Athletics or Cheer classes only).
9. No cargo, carpenter, or capri style pants.
10. No brads or studs on slacks or shorts.
11. Slit at bottom of slacks must have finished edges and be no longer than 3 inches

#### **Skirts, Skorts**

Color: Khaki, Navy Blue or Black (solid, single colors). Plaid – Royal Park #44 sold by Academic Outfitters.

1. Skirts and skorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (in both front and back).
2. No logos or labels.
3. Skirts may have a kick-pleat or slit which opens no higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee.
4. No cargo or carpenter style skirts/skorts.
5. Any skirt/skort with belt loops must include a belt that must be worn inside the loops.
6. No corduroy or denim materials allowed.

#### **Jumpers**

Style: V-neck, square neck, or round neck.

Color: Khaki, Navy Blue or Black (solid, single colors). Plaid – Royal Park #44 sold by Academic Outfitters.

1. Jumpers must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap (in both front and back).
2. Uniform shirt, blouse, or turtleneck must be worn under the jumper at all times.
3. Jumpers may have a kick-pleat or slit which opens no higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee (in both front and back).
4. Dresses are not allowed.
5. No logos or labels.
6. No corduroy or denim materials allowed.

#### **Shoes, Socks, Hose/Tights, Belts**

**Color (socks):** White, Navy Blue, Black or Khaki (solid, single colors).

1. Socks, hose or tights must be worn with all attire.
2. Socks must match each other.
3. No stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs on socks.

**Color (hose/tights):** White, Navy Blue, Khaki, or Flesh-tone (solid, single colors). No stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs on hose or tights. No fishnet hose.

**Color (shoes):** Navy, Brown or Black leather-like shoes (tie or loafer-type). Brown or Black boots, or solid Black or White tennis shoes (no colored laces). Para-military type boots, open toed shoes or sandals, or flip-flops are not allowed. Shoes must match. Heels must be no more than 2 inches high.

**Color (belts):** Solid Brown or Black only.

1. Belts must be buckled.
2. No tie or fringe belts.
3. No stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs on belts.

### **Sweatshirts, Vests, Sweaters**

Color: White, Gray, Orange, or Black (solid, single colors).

1. Pullover sweatshirts, pullover sweater vests, and sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulder, sleeves, and length, and must be worn over uniform shirt, blouse, or turtleneck which must be kept tucked in.
2. Ferris school logos only – optional.
3. No stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs on sweatshirts, vests, and sweaters.
4. Sleeveless or capped sleeve sweatshirts are not allowed.
5. Hoods do not count as collars.

### **6. Outerwear**

Color: Any coat worn in the building must be a windbreaker, fleece, sweater or sweatshirt-type jacket or pullover and must be solid black, orange, brown, khaki, grey or white if worn in the classroom. Ferris school logos only (optional). All other jackets/coats must be placed inside the locker upon arrival to school. A jacket awarded by a school organization or ordered through a school organization may be worn at any time. Outerwear may not be worn tied around the waist. What is worn inside the classroom must be in uniform colors. No stripes, checks, lettering, wording, or other designs.

### **Other Guidelines:**

- A. Clothing may be NO more than one size larger than the student's measurements: nor may the garment be too tight.
- B. Top and bottom **cannot** be the same color.
- C. Leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, and denim materials are not allowed for shirts, blouses, turtlenecks, slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, sweatshirts, vests, or sweaters.
- D. Spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- E. Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building are not allowed.
- F. Overall pants, overall shorts, and overall jumpers are not allowed.
- G. Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except in P.E./Athletics.
- H. Students must comply with district standards for grooming and accessories.
- I. Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.
- J. All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or have finished edges.
- K. Undershirts may be white, black, orange, or grey with no printing or designs visible.
- L. Sufficient underclothing is required.

### **Grooming Guidelines That Apply To All Students:**

- A. Hair should be neat, clean, well groomed, and styled so that vision will not be obstructed. Hair rollers are not allowed. Inappropriate coloring such as green, purple, etc. is prohibited. Inappropriate designs are not allowed.
- B. Tattoos are not allowed at school. Tattoos that are already in place must be covered so as to not be visible in any way.
- C. Boys (No earrings or ear studs, nose rings or nose studs, body-piercing rings or studs, tongue piercing rings or studs) Students will not be allowed to wear band aides to cover ears that have been pierced. All earrings or ear studs, nose rings or studs, body piercing-studs or rings, and tongue piercing studs or rings will be removed while the student is at school or school sponsored activities
- D. Girls (no nose studs, nose rings, body-piercing studs or rings, tongue studs or rings) Nose studs or rings, body piercing studs or rings, and tongue piercing studs or rings will be removed while the student is attending school or school sponsored activities.
- E. Anything the administration deems inappropriate and/or disrupts the learning environment.

### **Final Authority:**

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the student uniform code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in uniform policy shall be within the discretion of the administration.

### **Opt-Out/Exemption for currently Enrolled Students:**

A parent or guardian of a student may apply for the student to be exempt from the dress code. "Dress Code Opt-Out" applications forms may be obtained from the campus office or school district central office and must be submitted to campus principals by the last day of instruction of the previous school year.

Students who are approved for "Dress Code Opt-Out" are required to meet alternative/interim dress code provisions (listed at end of document).

**Students New to the District:**

New students and students moving to the district shall have 21 calendar days to meet Student Dress Code regulations.

**Opt-Out Provisions for New Students:**

Parents or guardians of new students and students moving to the district must complete and submit applications for "Opt-Out" to the campus administrator within 10 school days of enrollment. Students who are denied "Opt-Out" have 21 calendar days from notification date to meet Student Dress Code Policy.

**Funding:**

Economically disadvantaged parents or guardians may apply for assistance in purchasing or obtaining required school clothing. Applications for assistance may be obtained at their child's campus office or at the school district central office. Applications for assistance in obtaining approved school dress code clothing must be submitted to campus principals by the last day of instruction the previous year. Parents or guardians of students moving into the district who wish to apply for assistance must apply within 5 school days of enrollment.

**Extra-Curricular Activities: (Participants)**

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extra-curricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in those activities.

**Extra-Curricular Activities: (Spectators)**

The following school dress policy is to be followed by ALL students attending an extracurricular activity at both local and away events.

1. Clothing may be NO more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.
2. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times. All athletic sandals must be worn with socks. (Nike, Reebok, etc.) All athletic sandals must have a strap on the heel for safety purposes. Flip-flops cannot be worn at any time.
3. Length of clothing for ALL students (shorts, dresses, skirts, skorts, etc.) must be appropriate. Appropriate length for shorts is defined as the following for grades K-12, no more than 3 inches length for skirts, skorts, and dresses is defined as the following for grades K-12, no shorter than 3 inches above the bend of the back of the knee. Slits in skirts or dresses must not extend any higher than 4 inches above the bend of the back of the knee. A shirt or top will be considered too short if the shirt or top does not cover the pants when the student is standing with their arms extended straight above their head.
4. Clothing and other articles not allowed at school events:
  - Low-cut dresses or tops, crop tops, half-shirts, and white t-shirts designated as undershirts
  - Jeans that have been ripped, shredded, or have holes
  - Clothing with alcohol, drug, tobacco, or other inappropriate slogan, picture, or design
  - Biking shorts, biking pants, or spandex clothing of any kind
  - Boys (No earrings or studs, nose rings or studs, body-piercing rings or studs, tongue piercing rings or studs). Students will not be allowed to wear band-aides the cover ears that have been pierced. The earrings or studs, nose studs or rings, body-piercing studs or rings, and tongue piercing studs or rings will be removed while the student is attending school related or school sponsored activities.
  - Sweatbands and bandanas
  - Girls (nose studs or rings, body piercing studs or rings, tongue-piercing studs or rings). The nose studs or rings, body-piercing studs or rings, and tongue piercing studs or rings will be removed while the student is attending school related or school sponsored activities.
  - Cut-offs not hemmed
  - Pants that are sagging (the fingertip rule will be used- Students stand straight with arms down at sides, highpoint of inseam cannot be below the fingertips)
5. Students in grades 2-12 will tuck in shirts. Sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, or shirts with elastic bands need not be tucked. A shirt or top will be considered too short if the shirt or top does not remain tucked when the student is standing with their arms extended straight above their head.
6. All straps and suspenders on any form of clothing must be fasted and worn appropriately.
7. All students in grades 4-12 will wear belts if the pants are tailored for belts (belt loops).

All situations cannot be covered by our District policy. Good judgment and proper taste applied in the public school and educational setting can be used to resolve most matters. Individuals desiring further clarification should contact the campus principal of the school their child attends. The campus Principal or Assistant Principal shall be the final authority as to the appropriateness of student attire on each respective campus. The campus Principal or his/her designee has the final say on what clothing may or may not be worn at the extracurricular event.

Parents should be aware that certain colors, of clothing and brands of clothing might be gang-related. Ferris ISD would encourage parents to be aware when purchasing school clothing that the colors light blue, red, and pink, are associated with known gangs in the Ferris area. Ferris ISD would discourage students from wearing these colors of clothing. The administration

reserves the right, at any time during the school year, to ban a certain color or brand of clothing. Campus administration will make an attempt to notify parents when the necessity arises to ban a certain color or brand of clothing. This ban will not be arbitrary or capricious and will be made with the best interest and the safety of all students in mind.

**Discretionary/Spirit Days:**

The principal may designate “Discretionary/Spirit Days” and has the authority to establish a particular mode of attire for those special days or a part of those days. Students who do not choose to participate with the particular mode of attire for those special occasion days are required to follow the Student Dress Code Policy.

**Pep-Rallies and other Special Events:**

The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extra-curricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in special events such as pep-rallies.

**Dress Code on School Property during School Hours:**

Students are to follow Student Dress Code Policy on school property during school hours and extended instructional day activities.

**Consequences:**

Non-exempt students who attend school in violation of the Student Dress Code will be dealt with in accordance with the FISD Student Code of Conduct.

**Opt-Out Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code:**

This policy is only for new students to the District and students with school board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the District have 21 calendar days to comply with the uniform policy. Students in the process of opt-out appeal [See FNCA (L) and FNG (L) for process and timelines.] must comply with Opt-Out alternative/interim student dress code guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the student uniform policy guidelines. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves so as not to:

1. Lead school officials reasonable to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; or
2. Create a hazard to the student’s own health or safety or to the health or safety of others.

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hairstyles, make-up or other attractions that would in the opinion of the principal tend to promote student disruption, jeopardize student conduct, or otherwise interfere with the educational process. (Clothing containing offensive slogans, symbols, logos, and other suggestive or controversial designs are not allowed.)

Students will keep themselves neatly groomed and dressed and will keep their hair neat and clean. Grooming and dress that will disturb, interfere with, or detract from school activities will not be allowed. Neatly groomed and dressed shall be defined as dress and grooming that is standard and conforms to local community and school district etiquette and decorum. It is within these principles that FISD will enforce the following dress code items, specifically but not limited to:

**Shirts, Blouses and Turtlenecks**

Color: Any solid color except Red, Pink, or Blue.

- A. These articles must be collared and are to be fastened no lower than 4 inches from the top of the collar.
- B. All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times and must stay tucked in when arms are raised.
- C. All tops (etc.) should cover the back, shoulders, and stomach. No skin is to show at the waist.
- D. Un-hemmed or sleeveless tops are not acceptable.
- E. No t-shirts are allowed.
- F. Ferris school logos only (2 inches by 2 inches) – optional.
- G. No lettering, wording or graphics on shirts, blouses, or turtlenecks.

**Head and Footwear**

- A. Students shall not wear hats, caps, or other head coverings inside the building.
- B. Students must wear appropriate shoes at all times. Sandals, house shoes, beach shoes, shower shoes, and the like are not considered to be appropriate.

**General Appearance of All Clothing**

- A. Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student’s measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.
- B. Frayed, cut off, or tattered clothing is not allowed, even in P.E. classes.
- C. Student attire should be modest and appropriate in length, fit, and design.
- D. Sufficient underclothing is required.
- E. Clinging or transparent clothing is unacceptable.