

## 2023-2024 CHALLENGER MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The purpose of Challenger Middle Dress Code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming, as well as developing good habits that will lead to “dressing for success” in college and career. Students shall maintain a clean, orderly appearance at all times. The responsibility for the personal appearance of the student rests with the parent/guardian and the student. Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. A student who is dressed appropriately is demonstrating a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress to be interpreted and enforced by administration. Each principal has the authority with his or her staff and community, as permitted by School Board policy, to establish additional standards at individual schools.

### TOPS

- Apparel shall be adequate in both length and coverage to be considered appropriate for school.
- Shirts or blouses shall be appropriately fastened in accordance with the design of that shirt or blouse. The length shall extend below the waist level when arms are raised.
- Bare midriff, strapless, low-cut clothing, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage or are of a suggestive nature are prohibited; halters, backless dresses or tops, tube tops, **tank tops**, muscle shirts, or any clothing which may be distracting are prohibited. Long, oversized jerseys are prohibited.
- Transparent or see-through clothing is not permitted.
- Jackets and zipped sweatshirts are not considered shirts. A school appropriate shirt must be worn under each jacket/sweatshirt. Wearing hoods over heads is not permitted.
- **If a student does not have a school appropriate shirt underneath a jacket, a Challenger t-shirt will be provided for the day and it is marked as a dress code violation.**

### ACCEPTABLE:



### NOT ACCEPTABLE:



## BOTTOMS

- Dresses should be of adequate length and coverage and must be no shorter than 3" above both the front and back of the knee.
- Dresses may not be excessively tight (No body-con dresses, knit dresses, etc.).
- Jeans and leggings are permitted; however, they may **NOT** be torn or ripped with skin exposed. Fabric must be attached to the jeans. **NO HOLES.**
- Length of skirts and shorts must be no shorter than 3" above both the front and back of the knee. No holes, tears, or rips permitted. Spandex bike shorts are not permitted.
- Pants shall be worn fastened and at the waist with no undergarments showing. No holes, tears, or rips permitted.
- Bottoms/Joggers must be worn at the waist, above the hip/pelvic bone. Bottoms must fit properly and be secured/fascented and have pockets. **NO PAJAMA PANTS.**
- Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner is prohibited.
- The following items may not be worn: Clothing that drags on the ground (ex. pant legs) & pajama pants.
- Tights are not considered leggings and may only be worn under a school shorts or skirt. Tights worn as pants/leggings are not permitted on campus.

## ACCEPTABLE:



## NOT ACCEPTABLE:



## FOOTWEAR

- Shoes shall be worn at all times. Slippers, slides, or flip flops are not permitted. All shoes must have a front and back strap or be designed to remain on during all school related activities.
- Crocs may only be worn with a back strap in place (sports mode). Jibbitz on Crocs may not represent drugs, alcohol, weapons, or

## ACCEPTABLE:



other inappropriate images for school.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- No writing, tattoos, or body stickers on face, arms, hands, or legs are permitted. Tattoos that may cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment are prohibited.
- NOSE piercings must be a small post. Nose rings, hoops, etc. are not allowed. Other face or tongue piercings are NOT permitted. Subject to the discretion of the principal.
- The wearing on campus of hats, headbands with adornments, bandanas, caps, headgear (including hoodies) or sunglasses except in conjunction with designated school-approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities is prohibited. There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions, religious observation, and physical education classes held outside. The principal will determine these exceptions.
- Any public display (including clothing, nail polish, and other items that may be worn or carried) of an organization affiliated with controversial, obscene, or illegal activities on a person, may not be worn.
- Wired earbuds or headphones may only be used with permission from a teacher for the purpose of academics.
- Any bluetooth devices such as Airpods, Apple watches, or any other device capable of recording, sending, or receiving information is not permitted at any time during the school day.
- Cell Phones must not be on a student in their pocket, waistband, or other location. All cellphones are required to be turned off and placed in a backpack during school hours.
- Masks for medical protection shall adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and CDC guidelines. All other face coverings are not permitted.

### School District of Lee County Dress Code link:

[https://www.leeschools.net/our\\_schools/dress\\_codes\\_uniform\\_schools](https://www.leeschools.net/our_schools/dress_codes_uniform_schools)

### School District of Lee County Dress Code Violation disciplinary action per District Code of Conduct:

**Dress Code Violation (DCV)** - Failure to comply with dress code requirement(s). For schools with a uniform policy, refer to the school's student handbook for additional dress code information regarding specific school standards.

#### Infraction

First

Second

Third - Repeated

#### Middle and high school

Level I - Verbal warning and parent contacted

Level I - Loss of eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities (maximum of five days), or ATS action and parent contacted

Level II - Loss of eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities (maximum of 30 days). ISS not to exceed three days.

Verbal and written parent contact regarding consequences.

(Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes)

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