



Appoquinimink School District

School Dress Code

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Pre-school and kindergarten students should dress in comfortable clothes that will allow them to participate in all indoor and outdoor activities. To prevent accidents, open-toed sandals and flip-flops are not permitted on the playground. Children who wear these items will not be permitted to participate on the playground.

Elementary Schools: Grade 1-5

The district requires students to dress appropriately for school and extracurricular activities and does not permit clothing, shoes or jewelry – or articles worn as such – that are distracting, hinder the educational process, or are inappropriate. School attire should be clean and neat. Appropriate clothing should be worn on physical education days (sneakers). Please dress your child for the weather – hats, coats and gloves when necessary. If at all possible, your child will be going outside for recess.

- Headwear of any type may not be worn – male and female (exception – documented religious reasons). This includes hats, sweatbands, bandanas, scarfs, sunglasses, or head covering of any type.
- Outerwear is not permitted while in the building. Jackets, winter coats, trench coats, leather coats/jackets, or raincoats must be placed in cubbies upon entering the classroom. (Fleece and warm-up jackets will be permitted.)
- Shorts will be permitted when the regional forecasted temperature is to be 70 degrees or higher.
- The length of the skirts, skorts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh.
- Skirts must reach the waist and will not be low-cut or see-through. (There will be no tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, see-through shirts, muscle shirts, lace-up tops, or belly shirts.)
- Footwear must be worn at all times. (Flip-flops and bedroom slippers are not permitted.)
- Clothing must be worn as intended:
 - Pants must be worn properly and are to be pulled up and secured at the waist.
 - Undergarments are not to be visible.
 - Shirts must be worn as intended.
 - Pajamas are not permitted.
- Student apparel that advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substances or any substances illegal to minors, containing derogatory phrases, profanity, or glorifies violence or criminal behavior are not permitted to be worn.
- Students may not wear lewd, suggestive, or excessively tight clothing, clothing with writing on the buttock, spiked jewelry or chains.

Middle Schools: Grades 6-8

The school requires students to dress appropriately for school and extracurricular activities. The school does not permit clothing, shoes, or jewelry – or articles worn as such – that are distracting, hinder the educational process, are a safety issue, or are inappropriate.

- Headwear of any type may not be worn – male and female. This includes hats, hoods, sweatbands, bandanas, scarves, sunglasses, or head covering of any type. (Note: The only exception to this rule is documented religious reasons.)
- Outerwear is not permitted while in the building. Jackets, winter coats, trench coats, leather coats/jackets, and raincoats must be placed in lockers upon entering the school building. (Fleece and warm-up jackets will be permitted)
- Shorts and skirts are acceptable attire; however, the length must not be more than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shirts must have sleeves, must cover the waist, and will not be low cut or see-through. (There will be no tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, see-through shirts, muscle shirts, lace up tops, or belly shirts)
- Footwear must be worn at all times. (Flip-flops, sandals, open-toed shoes, and bedroom slippers are not permitted.)

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- Student apparel that advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substances or any substances illegal to minors, containing derogatory phrases, profanity, or glorifies violence or criminal behavior are not permitted to be worn.
- Students may not wear lewd, suggestive, or excessively tight clothing, clothing with writing on the backside, spiked jewelry or long chains.

High School (grades 9-12)

The school requires students to dress appropriately for school and extracurricular activities and does not permit clothing, shoes, or jewelry – or articles worn as such – that are distracting, hinder the educational process, or are inappropriate.

- Headwear of any type may not be worn – male and female (exception – documented religious reasons). This includes hats, sweatbands, bandanas, or head covering of any type.
- Outerwear is not permitted while in the building. Jackets, winter coats, trench coats, leather coats/jackets, or raincoats must be placed in lockers upon entering the school building. (Fleece and warm-up jackets will be permitted.)
- Shorts will be permitted before September 30 and after June 1. (Changes to these dates will be at the principal's discretion.)
- The length of the skirts and shorts must be at least mid thigh.
- Shirts must have sleeves, must cover the waist, and will not be low cut or see-through. Tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, see-through shirts, muscle shirts, lace up tops, belly shirts, spaghetti straps, backless tops, shirts with cutoff sleeves, and shirts that leave either shoulder bare are not permitted.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. (bedroom slippers are not permitted)
- Clothing must be worn as intended:
 - Pants must be worn properly and are to be pulled up and secured at the waist.
 - Undergarments are not to be visible.
 - Pajamas are not permitted.
- Student apparel that advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes any illegal substances or any substances illegal to minors (e.g. shirts that advertise alcohol or tobacco), containing derogatory phrases, profanity, or glorifies violence or criminal behavior are not permitted to be worn.
- Students may not wear lewd, suggestive, or excessively tight clothing, clothing with writing on the backside, spiked jewelry or chains.
- Items not specifically covered in the above-list can be prohibited at the discretion of the administration. Items of clothing that disrupt the educational process can be prohibited at the discretion of the administration.

Please address any questions about these guidelines to the administrator at your child's school.