

## CCMS Dress Code 2018-2019

Pride in our school and our self is to be reflected in our attire.

The Carroll County Middle School dress code has been devised to promote a positive and safe learning environment for all students. Students are required to dress in a manner that reflects a respectful attitude toward learning. Any attire or hairstyle that is considered contrary to good hygiene, distracting, or disruptive in appearance, or detrimental to the educational environment or the public image of the school, will not be permitted. The staff and administration has the right to determine if attire or appearance is inappropriate for school. When a student is dressed in a manner that is not in accordance with this dress code, appropriate consequences will be administered. These may include isolating the student after calling parents to bring appropriate clothing, lunch detention, time out, in-school suspension, and/or other disciplinary action deemed appropriate. The school appreciates both the authority and responsibility of the parent/guardian relative to the student dress code and solicits their support in the enforcement of the dress code.

### Shirts/Tops/Sweaters/Sweatshirts:

Undergarments shall not be visible at any time.

**See-through mesh shirts/blouses, sleeveless tops, tube tops, backless shirts, off the shoulder tops and low cut tops are not permitted (no cleavage).** Staff and/or administration will use their discretion as to what constitutes too low cut. Shirts and blouses must be long enough to overlap shorts, skirts or pants (no midriff tops). **Students are not permitted to tie shirts up in the back.**

No clothing or any item printed with obscene or objectionable language, slogans, reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence or racially offensive statements or pictures is acceptable. Any clothing bearing logos, insignias, letters or colors signifying a gang, violent actions or weapons will not be tolerated.

Lightweight "hoodie" sweatshirts are allowed but students may not have the hood on their head at anytime in the school building. Failure to keep the hoods down or hiding contraband may result in the loss of the privilege. Nothing may be worn under the hoodie that is not in dress code (students must be able to remove hoodie and still be in compliance). Lightweight regular and zip-up hoodies, as well as lightweight pullovers or athletic jackets, may be worn during class as long as it doesn't become a distraction. Teachers and administrators can use their discrepancy on what is considered a coat that is too heavy or distracting and should be kept in a student's locker.

### Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Dresses:

Pants must be size appropriate- they should not drag the ground, sag or be too tight.

No pajama pants or look-a-like pajama pants.

Sweatpants and athletic shorts are permitted. They must be worn at waist and not sag. If there are incidents of students pulling others' pants down, this privilege will be revoked.

If leggings are worn, they must be underneath a skirt, shirt or dress that passes the fingertip test.

**Pants and shorts are to have no holes, rips or frays.** Torn clothing or holes in clothing is unacceptable.

Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses must be of appropriate size and length and no shorter than the tip of the student's longest finger when extended straight down at the student's side.

Shorts and skirts must still comply with the dress code when worn with leggings.

Shorts are not permitted after November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> of the following school calendar year. The principal or designee may extend or shorten this time frame if necessary due to weather conditions.

Leggings or athletic pants cannot have any mesh or holes above the knee.

### Shoes/Accessories:

Shoes are to be worn at all times while on school grounds. No house slippers permitted.

No gloves are permitted to be worn in the building.

No wallet chains, spiked wrist bands, large metal chains of any type, dog collars, or chains that connect one part of the body to another or hang around the neck are prohibited. This poses a safety concern for all students.

No large metal hair picks or distracting hair accessories that interfere with the safety and education of students will be permitted.

Pierced jewelry may be worn in ears only; no body piercing allowed. No gauges or spikes can be worn.

No extreme and/or distracting unnatural hair coloring or makeup will be permitted (i.e. bright red, blue, pink, purple, etc.).

Excessive displays of jewelry will not be permitted.

Students are not permitted to have any writing on their bodies (i.e. pictures or words drawn on their hands/arms with markers, etc.) Students should not be in possession of markers.

In the event a student has a tattoo, it must be covered at all times.

**Head coverings/Sunglasses:**

Hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands, sunglasses or other headgear are not to be worn in the school building, unless approved by the school's administration for a special school activity. These items must be kept in student lockers until the end of the school day.

**Backpacks/Purses/Sports bags/Cell Phones:**

For safety reasons, backpacks are not permitted in the classroom and must be kept in student lockers. Rolling backpacks are not permitted. Purses should be left in student lockers. Sport bags should be locked up in the gym prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> period of school or kept in students' lockers. Cell phones and/or Ipods/MP3 players should be turned off and placed in student lockers before the instructional day begins at 7:55 am, and remain there until the instructional day ends at 3:05 pm.

No outside drinks/cups permitted inside the building unless it is sealed and part of a packed lunch. It must stay in your locker until lunch, and be disposed of at the end of your lunch. No energy drinks.

**Jackets/Coats/Outerwear:**

Coats, mid and heavyweight jackets, fleece lined jackets/coats or other outerwear are not permitted in the classroom during the day and must be kept in student lockers. (Lightweight sweaters, cardigans, etc. are permitted as long as they are not worn around waist or backwards)

**\*\*\*\*CCMS SBDM reserves the right to change this policy at any time during the school year. Student abuse of any of these guidelines, can prompt SBDM to change parts of the dress code during the school year.**

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