

**Allapattah Flats Dress Code
2016-2017
TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**



The St. Lucie County School Board has mandated minimum standard dress code which has been in place for approximately seven years. Allapattah Flats has a published dress code which has been enforced in an inconsistent manner due to many changes, including administration changes. **We will strictly enforce dress code. Please review the dress code and acquire appropriate clothing prior to returning to school in August.**

Non-conformity to Dress Code is addressed as misconduct in the SLC Code of Conduct and consequences administered accordingly. Dress Code guidelines are designed as a safety policy to discourage gang identification and weapon concealment; however, adherence to the dress code is also believed to foster school pride, develop higher self-esteem, and improve academic achievement.

Shirts: **Solid color** uniform or polo style, 3 button, collared shirts with short or long sleeves (turtlenecks are acceptable) are preferred (**emblems are discouraged and should be no larger than a quarter** other than school logo). Shirts must be tucked in at all times and should be long enough to remain tucked in when seated. White t-shirts for hygiene purposes are permitted. No color layered shirts may show if worn underneath. School spirit shirts may be worn any day.

Slacks, Shorts, Skorts, Jumper Style Dresses: **Solid color, uniform style** preferred for all slacks, knee length shorts, knee length skorts or knee length jumper style dresses (with no embellishments; such as chains, or adornments such as colored accent threads or designs) in the following color choices only:

Navy Blue

Black

Light Beige Khaki

Jeans: Jeans and jean shorts are permitted to be worn. They must be **solid Navy Blue, Black or Light Beige Khaki** color only (no white wash or other colors). Jeans may not have embellishments such as low rise, decorations, rivets, decorative stones, tears, holes fringes or any other adornments. **Jeans must sit on the waist** high enough that shirts remain tucked in, no underclothing or skin can be seen and must be hemmed at an appropriate length so they do not drag on the floor or cause the hem of the jeans to become frayed. Form hugging "jeggings type" jeans or oversized baggy jeans are not permitted.

Belts: For students in grade 2-8, belts must be worn with slacks, shorts or jeans that have belt loops. Belt buckles must be traditional style no larger than 2" by 2". (Students in KG and grade 1 are not required to wear belts).

Shoes: Closed toe, flat bottom; athletic shoes with matching laces or Velcro properly fastened with no lights, sounds, wheels, or charms. Preferably white or black athletic shoes or black or brown "school" shoes. Sandals, flip flops, jellies or plastic shoes are not permitted. **Boots and outer footwear that extend above the ankle are not permitted at any time.**

Jackets, sweaters, sweat shirts: Jackets, sweaters and/or sweat shirts must be **cardigan style (worn open down the front)**; as close to solid color as possible is preferred. A factory affixed brand name or logo may be present but should not be distracting, violent or inappropriate. Students who wear a jacket/sweatshirt/sweater that does not meet dress code standard will be required to remove the garment while inside the school building. Hoods/hats may not be worn at any time.

Additionally, the State of Florida has recently enacted ramifications for wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or in a manner that disrupts the orderly learning environment.

- Athletic wear, warm up suits, spandex, and gym shorts (except in P.E. class) are prohibited.
- Hair color and hair style may not create a distraction (i.e. unnatural color or styles)
- Jewelry must be small, discrete and must not create a safety hazard or distraction.
- No clothing or accessories that promote drugs, tobacco, alcohol or violence are permitted.
- Anything considered a distraction to learning is not permitted.
- Administration is the final authority on dress code issues. Please contact the school should you need assistance with Dress Code.

Dress code violations will be enforced using a progressive discipline process which would include:

1st violation: a warning and required parent acknowledgement.

Failure to correct a "correctable" (tucking in shirt; securing pants at the waist) violation may result in an immediate referral for Open Defiance of Authority (D2).

2nd violation: a referral is written for a Dress Code (D1) violation. Parent will be contacted to deliver appropriate dress code clothing to school.

Failure to correct a "correctable" violation may result in an immediate referral for Open Defiance of Authority (D2). Consequences will apply as outlined in the St. Lucie County Code of Conduct.

3rd and any additional violations: a referral is written for Open Defiance of School Policy (G2) or Gross Insubordination (F3) with consequences as outlined in the St. Lucie County Code of Conduct which could include Out of School Suspension. Parent will be contacted to deliver appropriate dress code clothing to school. Child will not be permitted into class without appropriate clothing.

It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school and provide any requested documentation should there be a medical or hardship condition necessitating temporary or permanent relief of a dress code requirement.