



## Allapattah Flats Dress Code 2020 – 2021

Allapattah Flats in collaboration with the School Advisory Council and the feedback from parents and students has established the following requirements for dress code which will be **strictly enforced**. Please **review the dress code and acquire appropriate clothing prior to returning to school in August**.

\*Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic, **ALL STUDENTS**, staff, visitors and vendors will be required to wear a **mask or face covering** to school unless an approved, documented exemption applies. Students who do not comply with this mandate will be transferred to a full time virtual schedule. Masks must be appropriate and in dress code. They may not cover the entire face/head, only the nose and the mouth. Masks may only have the student's name and very small, appropriate pictures. Masks may not have messages or words. Students may not wear masks that cause controversy or distractions. Please be sure to wash reusable masks daily. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

**Shirts: Any collared shirt** with short or long sleeves. Appropriately sized shirts must cover midriff and lower back at all times (this includes when seated). T-shirts or camis for hygiene purposes are permitted under collared shirts. School spirit shirts may be worn any day. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

**Jeans, Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Jumper Style Dresses: Solid color**, knee length shorts, knee length skorts, or knee length jumper style dresses. Students may wear twill jogger pants, which have an elastic waistband. Sweatpants are NOT permitted. Jeans must sit on the waist. **No skin** can be seen and jeans 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. Girls may only wear "tights" under dress or skirt. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

**Shoes: Students must wear closed toe shoes with a back**, athletic shoes are recommended. Boots and outer footwear that extend above the mid-calf are **NOT permitted** at any time. **Shoes may NOT interfere with daily PE/Recess in elementary grades or a timely transition from class to class, up and down flights of stairs.** Shoes with wheels are **NOT permitted**. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

**Jackets, sweaters or school hoodie:** School sweatshirt hoodies will be sold in the front office and may be worn every day. School hoodies for eighth graders will be black, Pre-K – 7<sup>th</sup> hoodies will be gray. Hoods may **NOT** be worn at any time. Students must wear a dress code shirt underneath hoodies. All jackets and sweaters must be **worn open down the front**. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

**Physical Education Class:** Elementary students will participate in daily recess. In addition, they will attend PE class a minimum of once weekly. Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes to exercise outdoors and engage in team sports. Middle school students are required to purchase a school PE uniform sold in the front office. Middle school students who do not wear the school PE uniform will complete alternative assignments to earn credit for the missed period.

**Hair: Administration is the final authority on dress code issues including Hair.**

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 school PE uniform) are prohibited.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ No gang paraphernalia.

Please contact the school should you need assistance with Dress Code. Non-conformity to Dress Code is addressed as misconduct in the SLC Code of Conduct and consequences will be administered accordingly.

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

***1st violation:*** Student will receive a warning. Parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes.

***2nd violation:*** Student will receive a BIR (Behavior Incident Reporting). Parent will be contacted to bring a change of clothes.

***3rd + violations:*** Student will receive a Discipline Referral for Dress Code as outlined in the St. Lucie County Code of Conduct. Parent will be contacted to bring a change of clothes. Child may not be permitted into class without appropriate clothing. ***Consequences for Dress Code misconduct may include In-School Suspension, Out of School Suspension, Work Detail, or After School Detention.***

Failure to correct an immediate “correctable” violation (securing pants at the waist, etc.) may result in a discipline referral for Disrespect or Open Defiance of Authority.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Privileges**

- During the last two weeks of school 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students with no more than 3 BIRs/Referrals will be allowed to wear T-shirts (appropriate graphics, with sleeves- no spaghetti straps), athletic shorts (appropriate length), leggings (with appropriate shirts that cover hips).