



## Allapattah Flats Dress Code 2022 – 2023

Allapattah Flats in collaboration with the School Advisory Council and the feedback from staff, parents, and students has established the following requirements for dress code which will be **strictly enforced**.

**Shirts:** Allapattah spirit shirt, any collared shirt with short or long sleeves, or T-shirt (see details below). Appropriately sized shirts must cover midriff and lower back at all times (this includes when seated). T-shirts or camisoles for hygiene purposes are permitted under collared shirts. T-shirts must be in **good repair**, no tears, appropriately hemmed, appropriate graphics, no see-through fabric/mesh with short or long sleeves. Students **MAY NOT** write on their shirts. T-shirts may not contain messages that are offensive, promote a personal agenda, or cause disruptions of the learning environment per school and administration guidelines. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

**Jeans, Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Jumper Style Dresses:** Fingertip length shorts, fingertip length skorts, knee length skirts, or knee length jumper style dresses. Students may wear twill jogger pants, which have an elastic waistband. **Sweatpants/sleepwear are NOT permitted.** Jeans must sit on the waist; **NO SKIN** can be seen above the knees. 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. Oversized baggy jeans are not permitted. Leggings and leggings are permitted with tops that are fingertip length or longer. Girls may only wear “tights” under dress or skirt. Tights must be in good repair, no tears. **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. **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.**

**Jewelry:** Students may not wear items with sharp edges, chokers or bracelets with spikes, or anything that may cause major distractions. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues including jewelry.**

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:**

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> + 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 for the school year 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), sweatpants (no pajamas), and bike shorts (with appropriate shirts that cover hips and shorts are knee length).

### **Cell Phone and Electronic Devices Policy**

Allapattah Flats is not responsible for personal lost or stolen items. Cell phones must be turned off and kept out of sight while on campus. Cell phones may not be loaned to other students. Headphones/earbuds may be used when directed by a teacher for instructional purposes. Students may be able to use them in school buses with driver's permission. Unauthorized use of cellular or other electronic devices will result in a discipline referral. This includes but not limited to taking pictures, posting on social media, recording videos on campus or school transportation, and cyber bullying. Telecommunication devices may be confiscated by school staff when used inappropriately.

**In case that a student receives a message by phone that contains inappropriate images or pictures, do not forward the image or picture to anyone, instead report immediately to a dean, School Resource Deputy, or administration.**

### **Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy**

If a cell phone or other electronic device (including earbuds) is confiscated, the following consequences will be applied.

**First Offense:** Device is returned at the end of the school day to the student.

**Second Offense:** Parent or guardian must come to the school to collect the device.

**Third Offense:** Loss of privilege to have the device on campus. Device Check In and Out may be an option.