



## Allapattah Flats Dress Code 2023 – 2024

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**. **Please review the dress code and acquire appropriate clothing prior to returning to school in August.**

**Shirts:** Any collared shirt with short or long sleeves, T-shirts (see details below), or Allapattah spirit shirt. Appropriately sized shirts must **cover midriff and lower back at all times** (this includes when seated). Skin must be covered from shoulder to mid-thigh. T-shirts or camis for hygiene purposes are permitted under collared shirts. School spirit shirts may be worn any day. T-shirts must be in **good repair**, no tears, appropriately hemmed, appropriate graphics, no see-through fabric/mesh with short or long sleeves. Spaghetti straps/sleeveless shirts may not be worn. If a V-neck shirt is worn, a cami must be worn underneath. Students **MAY NOT** write or color their shirts. No 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. School sweatpants will be sold in the front office and may be worn. Only the school purchased, size appropriate sweatpants may be worn. Students may not change the original design of the sweatpants (no cuts, writing, etc.). **Non-school sweatpants, jeggings, leggings, bike shorts, and/or sleepwear are NOT Permitted.** Jeans must sit on the waist; **NO SKIN** can be seen above the knees. Skin must be covered from shoulder to mid-thigh. 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. **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. We ask that students wear athletic shoes for PE. Please no Crocs during PE. **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. **All students must wear a shirt that adheres to the dress code under the hoodie.** Hoodies may not be worn as a shirt. 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. Please no Crocs during PE. 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.

***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 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 fingertip length).

### **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:** Device is returned to a parent or guardian.

**Third Offense:** Loss of privilege to have the device on campus. The device must be checked in to the Dean’s office upon arrival to school each day and will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.