

Allapattah Flats Dress Code 2025–2026

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: Students may wear T-shirts with short or long sleeves, collared shirts, or Allapattah spirit shirts. Shirts must be appropriately sized covering midriff and lower back (including when seated). T-shirts or Camis 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. 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 to the learning environment are allowed. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.**

Jeans, Pants, Shorts, Skorts, Jumper Style Dresses: Students may wear fingertip length shorts or skorts and knee length skirts or jumper style dresses. School sweatpants will be sold in the front office as a PBIS fundraiser to support implementation of the student incentive program. Students may not change the original design of the school purchased sweatpants (no cuts, writing, etc.). Jeans must sit on the waist; <u>NO SKIN</u> or undergarments may be seen above the knees. Pants must be hemmed at an appropriate length, so they do not drag on the floor or cause the hem of the pants to become frayed. Oversized baggy pants are not permitted. Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.

• Jeggings, leggings (except Pre-K – 3rd), bike shorts, athletic shorts and/or sleepwear are NOT permitted. Students wearing pajama pants, fabrics, or designs, that resemble pajamas, or sleepwear will be sent to the office to call parents for a change of clothing. All pants or shorts must be appropriately sized.

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. 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, no Crocs. Administration is the final authority on dress code issues.

Jackets, Sweaters or School Hoodie: School sweatshirt hoodies will be sold in the front office to support PBIS implementation. School hoodies for eighth graders will be black, Pre-K – 7th hoodies will be gray or green. All students must wear a shirt that adheres to the dress code under the hoodie. Hoods must remain down so staff can identify students on campus. 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 at least once weekly. Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes to exercise outdoors and engage in team sports. 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 to the learning environment or pose a safety risk to themselves or others. **Administration is the final authority on dress code issues, including jewelry.**

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Additionally, the State of Florida has 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 the 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.
- **2**nd **violation:** Student will receive a BIR (Behavior Incident Reporting). Parents will be contacted to bring a change of clothes.
- **3**rd **violation:** Student will receive a Discipline Referral for Dress Code as outlined in the St. Lucie County Code of Conduct.
- **4**th **+ violation:** Student will receive a Discipline Referral for Dress Code as outlined in the St. Lucie County Code of Conduct. Students will not be permitted into class without appropriate clothing.

Consequences for Dress Code misconduct may include In-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.

8th Grade Privileges

During the last two weeks of school, 8th Grade students with no more than 3 BIRs/Referrals for the school year will be allowed to wear athletic shorts (appropriate length), leggings (with appropriate shirts that cover hips), and bike shorts (with appropriate shirts that cover hips and shorts are fingertip length).

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Cell Phone Use

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, <u>elementary</u> and <u>middle</u> school students **are not permitted to use** a wireless communication device including cell phones **during the school day.** Students may not use their cell phones or devices on campus to take pictures or videos, play games, search topics, engage in social media, or call parents/individuals from the classroom, restrooms, cafeteria, hallways, etc. from 7:00 am until 2:15 pm. Failure to comply with the law will result in consequences per the SLPS Code of Conduct and Allapattah Flats K – 8 School.

Phones are available to all students in the front office. If a student cell phone or other electronic device (including earbuds) is confiscated, the following consequences will apply:

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 between 2:15 and 2:40 pm. Behavior contract.

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

Students may not have a phone in their possession during assessments. Students are required to place the phone in a backpack or turn the phone into the teacher during assessments.

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