



School Dress Code

Quail Hollow Middle School

Students at Quail Hollow Middle School are expected to continue a tradition of proper dress for school and school related events. The dress code is created to ensure student attention is focused on learning. School-related events include all before- and after-school events and field trips. Specific dress guidelines may be given for particular events, such as awards ceremonies and field trips. Listed below is the general school dress code:

1. Students are required to wear shoes at all times. Shoes must have hard soles; slippers or bedroom shoes are not permitted.
2. Shirts must cover students' stomachs at all times. Tank tops must have straps at least "three fingers" wide; spaghetti straps are not permitted. All undergarments must be covered by a student's shirt. This includes covering bra straps. Off-the-shoulder tops or tops made of sheer or see-through material are not permitted unless a top with "three fingers" wide straps is worn under the off-the-shoulder or sheer top; if a student is wearing an off-the-shoulder garment, the student will be given safety pins to adjust the garment to fully cover both shoulders. Shirts should have a standard size arm opening (created by the shirt manufacturer) such that a student's chest and stomach cannot be seen through the arm opening.
3. All undergarments must be fully covered by a student's outer-most layer of clothing. Undergarments include but are not limited to bra straps, boxer shorts and underwear. If a student layers athletic shorts or other items under an outer layer of clothing, those "under" layers must be completely covered by the outermost layer of clothing.
4. The waistline of bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts) should be worn at the level of the student's hipbones or higher. If a student wears multiple layers of clothing (ex. shorts and pants), the outermost layer of clothing must be worn at the level of the student's hipbones or higher. If a student's pants hang below the hipbones, the student will be given a zip-tie to hold up the pants to hipbone level. Belts are strongly encouraged.
5. Shorts/skirts/dresses must be longer than where the lowest part of the student's fist touches his or her legs when arms are hanging naturally. If the article of clothing has a slit, the slit may not begin higher than "fist length." Tears or holes in pants or shorts may not be higher than "fist length." All skirts and dresses must stay at an appropriate length while walking. Garments that "slide up" when a student moves because they are too tight are not permitted. Athletic shorts that are shorter than "fist length" are not permitted during the school day.
6. Leggings may be worn only under other garments that meet dress code expectations. Long tops or dresses worn over leggings must be "fist length" or longer. Form-fitting pants without usable pockets are considered leggings.
7. Headgear – including but not limited to hats, hoods, scarves, bandannas, towels, and sunglasses – may not be worn in the school building. This includes scarves that are worn as headbands. The only eyewear that may be worn (on the face or on the head) during the school day is eyewear that addresses diagnosed visual needs. If a student wears headgear for religious purposes, the student's parent should contact the school so we may honor this preference. No visible bandanas are permitted, regardless of where they are located on the student (head, waist, pocket, etc.).
8. Abusive, suggestive or profane language; symbols of illegal drugs; or any other words, symbols or slogans that disrupt the learning environment may not be worn on clothing or jewelry. Nor may these items be displayed as tattoos (real or temporary). Suggestive language (that is prohibited), includes the word "sexy."
9. All clothing must be worn in an appropriate and tasteful manner as originally intended by the designer. For example, belts, if worn, must be worn around waistband; shirts or headbands will not be worn around the neck, suspenders or overalls will not be worn with straps down.
10. In addition to items listed above, pajamas and extreme facial piercings will not be worn at school.

Descriptions above such as "three fingers wide" or "fist length" refer to the fingers of the individual student wearing the garment.

According to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools policy, extreme styles in clothing and grooming may be detrimental to the maintenance of discipline and morale in school. The principal and her staff are responsible for determining and enforcing regulations governing proper dress and grooming of students. Repeated violations of the dress code will be addressed with disciplinary action. Please contact the school with any questions about the dress code.