

DRESS CODE

The dress code for students in grades 3K-5th will be subject to their teacher's discretion. These teachers will be responsible for informing the parents of any inappropriate attire.

The following dress code is for students in grades 6-12 at Fullington Academy. Dress code will be checked before student breaks and will be addressed during the student break. Proper dress and personal neatness are extremely important parts of the development of the successful student. A student's work is impaired when outlandish clothing or hairstyles attract so much attention that learning and teaching take second place. The dress code will be enforced every day while school is in session. The dress code also applies to school functions such as Honor's Day, Grandparent's Day, Awards, Banquets, Field Trips, and any other events or school functions in which the Administration deems necessary.

It is much more difficult for the Administration and teachers to enforce the dress code during after-school activities, and it is important that our parents help us to guide their children in continuing to be modest and wholesome in their attire even after school. Except when students are in athletic/fine arts after-school practices, attire should continue to adhere to the daily, expected school-day attire. **Gym shorts are not allowed at any school function during or after school hours with an exception for those students participating in a P.E. class or an athletic event.**

The guidelines are as follows:

- 1- **Physical Education clothes are worn for P.E. classes and are not to be worn in the academic buildings during school hours or any school function without Headmaster approval. This includes all athletic shorts, pants, or any pants/shorts with a drawstring regardless of the material. Sports bras must not be seen and must be completely covered by a shirt over them at all times. P.E. uniforms are mandatory for students in grades 6th-12th.**
- 2- Clothing should be neat and clean.
- 3- No halter tops or tube tops, no backless, strapless, or off-the-shoulder blouses/dresses. Tops with less than 1½ inch width straps can be worn only if approved shirts are worn over them. At no time can the shirt be taken off. Items that are revealingly low cut or loose around the neck or arm holes are not permitted. Girls may wear sleeveless shirts or dresses if the shoulder strap width is at least 1½ inches wide. No sleeveless t-shirts for boys at all.
- 4- Clothes with holes are not to be worn.
- 5- Skirts and dresses should be less than 3 inches from the top of the knee. This includes the split.
- 6- Boys and girls shorts must have a hem.
- 7- **Girls and boys shorts must be 4 inches or less from the top of the knee.**

- 8- Clothes that look like second skin are not to be worn, including tight pants, shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses. Apparel may not be too tight or too thin. If the clothing conforms to the body like a second skin, or a person cannot get hands in pockets, then the attire is inappropriate.
- 9- Outer clothing which resembles loungewear, pajamas, or underwear is prohibited. **Boxer shorts should not be seen when sitting or standing.** Blankets are not permitted at school. If there is a concern about being cold, wear a jacket.
- 10-See-through (sheer) clothing is prohibited. All clothing must be worn with appropriate undergarments. **No undergarments shall be seen at any time (including when a student walks, bends, sits, or stretches.)** There should be **NO visibility of the cleavage line, the chest,** the midriff, the stomach, the belly button, or the back.
- 11-**Shoes/sandals must be worn at all times.**
- 12-Clothing shall not be worn which advertises alcohol, drugs, tobacco or tobacco products, sex or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, or suggestive writing (slogans), pictures, or emblems.
- 13-Sunglasses should not be worn on the face in the building unless prescription.
- 14-Male students may NOT wear earrings. Neither male nor female students may wear ornaments (jewelry) which pierce the skin such as the nose, lips, eyebrows or navel which can be seen. Excessive, gaudy or unacceptable jewelry is not permitted. Neither male nor female students may have exposed tattoos. All tattoos must be completely covered at all times while on school campus for any reason.
- 15-Sagging pants (worn below the waistline) shall not be permitted. Boys' pants must be worn at the proper level, generally the waist.
- 16-If belts are worn, they must be fastened.
- 17-Boys shall cut their hair in such a way that the lower lobe of the ear shows. The hair may hang to the top of the t-shirt but will not hang in the eyes. Sideburns shall not come below the bottom of the ear lobes. Hair must be neat and well groomed. Hairstyles that cause distraction such as punk or fad haircuts will not be allowed. Facial hair is not acceptable for students. Boys shall not wear headbands or sports bands in the academic buildings at all. No ponytails or man buns are allowed for boys.
- 18- Hats are not to be worn in buildings.

**Dress code violators will have parents called to rectify the infraction.

Students in grades 6-12 will be checked each day in Homeroom, as well as 1st period. If you have any questions in your mind as to whether or not something meets dress code, **DO NOT WEAR IT TO SCHOOL!**