

STUDENTS

Dress Code

A. Generally

All students are expected to wear dress appropriate to the occasion; extreme or ostentatious apparel or appearance is to be avoided. Any article of clothing or accessory which advertises alcohol, or an illegal substance, depicts lewd graphics, displays offensive or obscene language, or is gang-related is forbidden.

B. Procedures

1. Dress standards shall be set by principals.
2. Students and parents are to be advised of these standards, by letter, or other appropriate means, prior to the opening of school.
3. Decisions regarding the appropriateness of clothing, footwear and accessories will be made by the principal or a designee.
4. Items initially deemed inappropriate may be brought to the student's or the parent's attention for corrective action. Subsequent violations of the dress code will subject the student to suspension from school. The principal or his/her designee reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action with regard to any first time offense.
5. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student taking part in gang-related activities that are disruptive to the school environment, which include the display of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or tattoo, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior.

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Frank W. Cox High School

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The Frank W. Cox High School dress code is established to promote a positive self-concept, instill discipline, avoid safety hazards, and prevent disruption. Modesty, cleanliness, neatness and appropriateness are the standards which should be observed by all students in their personal dress and grooming. The following guidelines are established to assist students in achieving these goals. If there is a doubt about a particular item, the student should contact a school administrator PRIOR to wearing the clothing to school. If the item is deemed inappropriate and the student does not modify the attire, entry into class will be denied by an administrator.

- Footwear must be worn at all times; house or bedroom slippers or bare feet are not permitted.
- Pajamas and pajama bottoms are not permitted.
- Clothing that overexposes the body and/or undergarments are unacceptable. No see-through or mesh clothing should be worn. No halter tops, racerback tops, tube tops, strapless tops/dresses, spaghetti strap tops, or any other clothing which might reveal a large portion of the body are allowed. Tank tops can only be worn with three (3) adult fingers width straps and sports jerseys must have a t-shirt underneath or a jacket over them.
- Chains may not be worn as adornment to clothes, nor should any student carry a chain.
- Lewd or suggestive attire or apparel which advertises, glorifies, or symbolizes gangs, obscene words, sexual acts, illegal items, illegal substances, racial epithets, or harmful actions, may not be worn.
- Jewelry or clothing that might create a hazard to a student's safety may not be worn.
- Bandanas, hats, visors, caps, sweatbands, and other head wear may not be worn inside the building (unless related to a religious practice or for a medical purpose and approved by the principal).
- Shorts, including sports shorts, and skirts worn to school must be of an appropriate length that reaches at least the longest fingertip when the student's arms are extended equally down to the side.
- Leggings/tights must be worn with tops that meet dress code length.
- Sagging or low cut pants or shorts or any clothing that exposes undergarments may not be worn.
- Rips or holes in clothing must meet dress code guidelines.
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Additional dress guidelines may also be requested in specific classes. Students in violation of the dress guidelines will be required to change clothes to meet school standards. Violation of the dress code guidelines may result in disciplinary action as specified in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

EARLY CHECKOUT PROCEDURE

Per School Board regulation, students are expected to be in school the entire day. Only students enrolled in a work-study program, students who have extenuating medical or personal family reasons, or seniors who earned a 2.0 grade point average for the previous semester may apply for a waiver of full day enrollment/early release privilege. Schedules will not be changed for the sole purpose of being released early from school. Students who do not meet the waiver criteria will only be released for reasons defined by the School Board regulation governing excused absences from school (i.e. illness, court or medical appointments). Students released for these reasons will be required to provide documentation of the illness/appointment upon their return to school. A student who must leave school early is to bring a note from his/her parent/legal guardian to the security desk BEFORE 7:20 a.m., the note must have a telephone number where a parent can be reached. The student will be issued a pass for the time s/he is to leave school.

STUDENTS UNDER 18 MUST BE SIGNED OUT by a parent or legal guardian at the security desk. Students who are 18 years or older may sign themselves out with a note from their parent or legal guardian.

Students who have subject-related, on-the-job experiences during school hours must have a color name label on their Hall Pass which must be displayed when exiting from school. Seniors who have excused block must display their Hall Pass with a color name sticker every day to school representatives upon departure from school. Students are to leave school grounds promptly at the designated time. Failure to comply may result in detention, suspension or forfeiture of their Early Release.

STUDENT HALL PASSES

Students must have their personal signed pass from a teacher in order to go to any destination in the building during class time. Each pass is for one semester, and a new pass will be distributed to each student for the second semester. Students who are found in the hallway without their own pass will be escorted back to their classroom to obtain their pass or to their assigned administrator to explain why they do not have their own pass. Using someone else's pass will result in disciplinary action.

TARDY STATION/TARDY PROCEDURES

Students are expected to be on time for school and each class in accordance with School Board regulation 5-17.1. Students not in their assigned class on time each block will be sent to the Tardy Station to secure a tardy pass. Teachers will only allow late

students to enter class with a tardy pass. Students have the potential to use 3 warnings in one day.

Discipline for tardies is as follows:

- Tardies 1, 2, 3 = Warning each incidence
- Tardy 4 = 1 hour of Wednesday detention
- Tardy 5 = 2 hours of Wednesday detention
- Tardy 6 = 2.5 hours of Wednesday detention
- Tardy 7 = 1 day of ISS
- Tardy 8 = 1 day of OSS

Student Dress: A student will maintain personal attire and grooming standards that promote safety, health, and acceptable standards of social conduct. Clothing that exposes cleavage, private parts, the midriff, or undergarments, or that is otherwise sexually provocative, is prohibited. Examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to: sagging or low cut pants, leggings worn as outerwear, low cut neck lines that show cleavage, tube tops, halter tops, backless blouses or blouses with ties in the back, clothing constructed of see through materials and head coverings unless required for religious or medical purposes. All students are expected to wear dress appropriate to the occasion; extreme or ostentatious apparel or appearance is to be avoided. Any article of clothing or accessory or tattoo which advertises alcohol or an illegal substance, depicts lewd graphics, displays offensive or obscene language or is gang-related is forbidden. Student dress that disrupts the school environment will not be tolerated. Dress standards shall be set by the principal. [S. B. Policy 5-41/Rule 5] As published in the *Virginia Beach City Public Schools Code of Student Conduct*.

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Dress guidelines are designed to promote a standard of appearance that complements the learning environment; each high school will provide guidelines. All students are expected to wear dress appropriate to the occasion; extreme or ostentatious apparel or appearance is to be avoided. Any article of clothing or accessory that advertises alcohol, or an illegal substance, depicts lewd graphics, displays offensive or obscene language, or is gang-related is forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student taking part in gang-related activities that are disruptive to the school environment, which include the display of any apparel, jewelry, accessory or tattoo, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior. If there is doubt about a particular item of apparel, the student should contact a school administrator for a decision prior to wearing the clothing to school. If the item is deemed inappropriate and the student does not modify the attire, entry into class may be denied by an administrator.

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