

Okaloosa STEMM Academy

Dress And Appearance Code Agreement



The purpose of our Dress and Appearance Code is to enhance school safety, maintain school discipline, promote attention to detail, and instill community values. Uniforms give students a sense of belonging and team spirit. Wearing it says we're all in this together! Additionally, wearing a uniform can improve learning by reducing distraction, sharpen focus on schoolwork, and make the classroom a more suitable environment for learning.

Uniforms are to be worn every school day, unless students and parents are otherwise notified. Only approved uniform items may be worn to school and school activities.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Appropriate uniform items consist of:

- Khaki or navy pants, shorts, skirts, or skirts. Minimum length is no more than 3" above top of the knee.
- Short or long sleeve royal blue, red, or white polo with STEMM logo. A white, long sleeve shirt can be worn under short sleeve polo.
- Short or long sleeve white or light blue oxford shirt with round STEMM logo.
- Navy blazer with round STEMM logo. The blazer may be worn over any STEMM uniform shirt.
- STEMM class t-shirts and other official t-shirts with the school logo.
- Red or royal blue polar fleece; red or royal blue cardigan or sweater vest; sweatshirt or hoodie with STEMM logo.
- Shoes with a closed toe and back that match the uniform. Tennis shoes or casual dress shoes are acceptable.

School uniform items must be worn as prescribed. The midriff must be covered and undergarments must not be exposed at any time. Gym shorts, jeans, and leggings are not permitted. Non-STEMM outerwear is permitted only if the temperature is below 50°F. Hats may not be worn in the buildings. Hair color should be within naturally occurring color tones. Any form of dress or grooming which is distracting or disruptive will not be permitted.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

It is the school's expectation that students will read and understand these dress code guidelines. In keeping with that understanding, we expect there will be no violation. In the event that students come to school in violation of any of these guidelines, we will ask the student and parent to make every attempt to correct the violation without loss of class time. Students in violation of the dress code may call parents to bring proper clothing or borrow from our collection of donated uniforms.

Uniform checks will be conducted and dress code violations may be issued. First offense will result in a warning, second offense will result in a call home, and a third offense will result in loss of dress-down day. Persistent violations will result in progressive disciplinary action.

Final decisions regarding hygiene and appropriate dress will be left to the discretion of the Administrator and/or Administrator's designee.

UNIFORM AGREEMENT

Please sign the agreement below to confirm your understanding of the uniform expectations.

I have read and understand the uniform expectations. By signing below, I acknowledge my understanding and agree to compliance with the Okaloosa STEMM Academy Dress and Appearance Code.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____