

## Carteret Middle School – Dress Code Procedures

ITEM	ACCEPTABLE DRESS	SPECIAL COMMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS
Shirts, Blouses	<p>Shirts/blouses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colors maybe White, Gray, and Navy Blue</li> <li>• Turtlenecks, button downs or straight collars and polos are permitted</li> </ul>	<p><b>Students are prohibited from wearing shirts/blouses that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco, the occult, or promote violence or violation of school rules, or are lewd, offensive, vulgar, contain obscene language, sexually explicit language or images, or that materially or substantially disrupts the learning environment.</li> <li>• Have low-cut necklines</li> <li>• Are see-through apparel or clothing with holes</li> <li>• Have tube-tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, half shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, crop tops, or any shirt, which allows the navel or bra to show. Any shirt/blouse that does not come to the waistband or exposes the midriff while standing, walking or sitting must be worn with an undershirt that tucks in.</li> </ul>
Pants, Slacks	<p>Acceptable pants/slacks are worn at the waist, belted, if appropriate, and not “skinny”, “baggy” or oversized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black single color</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pants/slacks may not:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be excessively skinny, long, large, or sag below the top of the hip line or allow undergarments to show.</li> <li>• Must not be torn, ripped or cut.</li> </ul>
Shorts	<p>Acceptable shorts must be longer than the student’s extended fingertips when the pupil’s hands are held to the side of the body.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black single color</li> </ul>	<p><b>The following are not acceptable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Shorts</li> <li>• Shorts with holes or tears</li> </ul>
Dresses, Skorts, Skirts	<p>Dresses, Skorts, and Skirts must be longer than the student’s extended fingertips when the pupil’s hands are held to the side of the body.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black single color</li> </ul>	<p><b>The following are not acceptable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short dresses, skorts, and skirts</li> <li>• Clothing with holes or tears</li> <li>• Dresses that are low-cut in front or back</li> </ul>
Shoes	<p>Shoes shall be worn at all times. Shoes should be appropriate for identified physical activities.</p>	<p><b>Students shall not wear:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House shoes, slippers, flip flops or Adidas like soccer slides</li> <li>• Open back shoes (must have a strap behind the heel to secure foot)</li> </ul>
Jewelry	<p>Earrings, hair jewelry, watches, bracelets, rings and necklaces that are not a safety hazard or a material or substantial disruption may be worn.</p>	<p><b>Students shall not wear:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jewelry that may be identified as gang related</li> <li>• Chains, pocket chains, or chains attached to wallets, footwear, pants, or backpacks</li> <li>• During Physical Education all body piercings including, but not limited to earrings, nose rings and studs, eyebrow loops and studs, lip rings and studs, tongue piercings and the like.</li> </ul>
General	<p>For unique special events the Administration may establish event-specific dress code requirements.</p>	<p><b>Students shall not wear:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extremely tight fitting clothes.</li> <li>• Hats, caps, hoods, sweatbands, Du rags, scarves or head coverings (except for religious purposes).</li> <li>• Jackets/outwear inside the building</li> <li>• Clothing that is worn in any other way than the way it was designed to be worn</li> <li>• Pajamas or loungewear</li> </ul>

***The District’s dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards, teach respect for authority, and prepare each student for future employability. Any attire that, in the administration’s judgment, may be reasonably expected to cause disruption or interference with normal school operation will not be allowed. Violators of this dress code will not be permitted into class and may be sent home if they cannot make the necessary adjustments in school.***

