

David A. Brown Dress Code

The purpose of adopting student dress code standards is not to infringe on the individual student's right to freedom of expression, but rather to encourage all students to adhere to policies that promote a unified community, avoid any disruptions to the learning environment, and provide for the safety of the students.



All students are expected to know DABMS Dress Code expectations. Parents, we need your support with this, so we ask that you review the Dress Code with your student prior to shopping for school attire so that school-appropriate clothing is chosen. School clothing should be safe and appropriate for a variety of instructional or educational activities. Students should be properly/modestly dressed and should not cause undue attention or be offensive to others. Students who violate the Dress Code will meet with a school administrator and be assigned appropriate consequences.

NOTE: We do not want students to miss instructional time, but inappropriate clothing creates a disruption to the learning environment. Students who are not appropriately dressed will be brought to the office and then held in the office or an 'On Campus Suspension Room' until a parent/guardian can bring the student appropriate clothing. Our focus is on learning, yet we need to make sure our students are dressed appropriately for instructional activities on campus.

Examples of Inappropriate Clothing

- Jeans with holes/slits in them 4" or higher above the knees
- Clothing that exposes undergarments (sagging or low cut pants, low cut tops, and tops that show bra straps)
- Garments that, when standing, sitting or walking, show stomach or back (whole or partially)
- See-through clothing or garments with netting
- Pajamas or slippers (except during Spirit Activities)
- Garments with pictures, wording and/or symbols depicting the following:
 - Tobacco, alcohol, drugs or associated paraphernalia
 - Sexually explicit content or numbers
 - Lewdness or obscenity (including nudity or nude silhouettes)
 - Clothing or jewelry with inappropriate words or themes
 - Offensive content (including foul language)
 - Hate or defiance
 - Violence or weapons (brass knuckles, grenades, guns/knives, bombs)
 - Iron cross or Nazi/neo-Nazi Symbols
- Jewelry or belt buckles with inappropriate symbols or initials
- Safety pins as jewelry or accessories
- PE Clothes are to be worn in PE Classes only (inside out if worn for Dress Code Violation 1st offense only)

Female-Specific Items NOT Allowed

- Tube tops/off the shoulder tops
- Tops exposing any part of bra (including straps)
- Spaghetti straps (shirts/tank style tops must be at least 1" on the shoulder)
- Tops that expose cleavage
- Tops that expose most to all of back (single strap, razor back and halter tops)
- Skirts/shorts/skorts MUST NOT be higher than mid-thigh. 3" minimum inseam
- Tights/Leggings unless covered by other appropriate clothing to cover 4" above the knee. This includes "jeggings" if so tight that they resemble tights/leggings.

Male-Specific Items NOT Allowed

- Sagging pants (outer garments must be pulled up to the waistline) – no exposure of shorts or undergarments
- Tank-style shirts with large arm hole openings
- Chains, spiked earrings or clothing, or spiked accessories
- Jewelry or belt buckles with inappropriate symbols or initials

No list of dress and appearance guidelines for students can be written that will anticipate all potential dress and grooming extremes. In the case of questionable dress or grooming that is not specifically covered in the list above, the administration will make the final decision. Appropriate action will be taken at that time, and when necessary, a home contact will be made seeking parental cooperation and assistance.

The administration retains the sole discretion to make the final determination whether clothing, jewelry, accessories and/or appearance meet acceptable standards. All school certificated and classified personnel shall be responsible for reporting violations of this dress code. When a dress code violation occurs, the students will be required to change into proper attire. Students will not be allowed to alter the inappropriate clothing such as pulling down, unknotting shirts, pinning bra straps or covering up with a jacket. Wearing inappropriate clothing is not accepted at DABMS. Continued violations of the dress code will be considered defiance and will be referred to an administrator for disciplinary action.

Consequences

First Offense – The student is brought to the office and the parent is called to notify him/her of the violation. A warning is given to the student to make sure to review and follow the DABMS dress code. Student is allowed to change into PE clothes (first offense only).

Second Offense – The student is brought to the office and the parent is called to bring the student a change of clothing, and detention is assigned for defiance. (*If a parent is unable to bring a change of clothing to their child, the student may be assigned to Administrative Hold in the office or On Campus Suspension Room for the remainder of the school day.*)

Third Offense – The student is brought to the office and assigned Saturday School, On Campus Suspension, multiple daily detentions or suspension for defiance.

Please note: Argumentative behavior toward any staff member over the decision of inappropriate clothing will result in a detention for disrespect.

Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate dress code.

Additional Information:

CLASS or SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS

At David A. Brown Middle School, registration is based on a yearlong schedule. Students are enrolled in a full day. Schedule changes can only be considered for the following three criteria:

1. An incomplete schedule
2. Scheduling conflict
3. Testing data indicates that student needs to be in either an advanced or remedial class

Requests for schedule changes must address one of the above and must be obtained from and submitted to the appropriate counselor on the class change request form.

Early Release

Benefits of Youth Staying for the Full Program

At David A. Brown Middle School, we pride ourselves in creating a safe, engaging, positive setting for all students. To get the most out of their time in school, students need to attend each day and stay for the entire day. Staff and students alike are negatively impacted by early departures. In order for all students to get the most out of the school curriculum, early release and late arrival days should be kept to a minimum. In an effort to minimize end of the day disruptions to classes, **students will not be available for early release 17 minutes or less before the dismissal bell Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (1:30), and not less than 15 minutes before the dismissal bell on Wednesdays (12:30pm).** Thank you for your consideration and support.