



A.I. du Pont Middle School believes that reasonable regulation of school attire can further important educational interests, including the following:

- All students should be provided the environment, resources and commitment necessary to ensure that they succeed.
- Students and their parents/guardians hold the primary responsibility in determining their personal attire, hairstyle, jewelry, etc.
- Schools are responsible for ensuring that student dress does not interfere with the health or safety of any student and does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating environment for any student.
- Schools are responsible for the safety of the school community.
- Students and staff are responsible for managing their own personal distractions.
- Students should not face unnecessary barriers to attending school.

This policy permits schools approved through RCCSD Administrative Memorandum 8001.7 School Uniform to continue with their policy provided that it is gender neutral and inclusive of attire worn for religious reasons. Schools adhering to this administrative memorandum should also follow the consequences below.

- Students have the right to be treated equitably. Dress code enforcement will not create disparities, reinforce or increase marginalization of any group, nor will it be more strictly enforced against students because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, gender nonconformity, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.
- Principals are required to ensure that all staff are aware of and understand the guidelines of this policy.
- Staff will not enforce the dress code of one student in front of other students.
- Students shall not be removed from class as a consequence for wearing attire in violation of this policy unless the attire creates a substantial disruption to the educational environment, poses a hazard to the health or safety of others, or factors into other student Code of Conduct violations.
- A typical first response for a violation of this policy is student redirection. Students should be provided the opportunity to change into dress code compliant clothes.

While it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion as to the appropriateness of dress, grooming, and/or determining whether or not a student's attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment of the school, the final determination will be made by the building administration.

Alexis I. duPont Middle School
Dress Code Policy

The Dress Code could be in effect for students while attending school functions or school sponsored activities on or off school property. Parents/Guardians are strongly urged to work closely with the school to insure student's adherence to these standards.

Dress Code YES!	Dress Code NO
<p>A.I. duPont Middle School Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A.I. spirit wear, team shirts, Sports shirts, sweatpants or athletic pants and shorts <p>Collared/Polo style shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any color is permitted <p>Cotton Fabric Pants or “Reasonable length” shorts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid navy, black, or tan only Docker, Chinos, Dress Slacks and black jeans are permitted <p>Layered Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-hooded sweatshirts Lightweight zipped or button outerwear (non-hooded) ; ¼ Zip Pullovers Cardigans and Sweaters (zipped or buttoned) tights worn under skirts Solid colored long-sleeve under shirt. <p>Dresses and skirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> navy, black, or brown/tan only must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee -both front and back. Slits in the skirt are to be no higher than 2 inches above the hem. Slits on long skirts/dresses may not extend above the knee. <p>Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes must have a sole, cover toes and a closed back for safety reasons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crocs permitted in “sport mode” No flaps flops, sandals, slides and slippers 	<p>No Hoodies</p> <p>No heavy outerwear to be worn during the school day. Admin makes final determination.</p> <p>No flip-flops, sandals, slides, or slippers</p> <p>No ‘Rips’ in clothing. No leggings or yoga pants No sport or athletic pants or shorts (except for AIMS spirit gear) No overly tight skirts are allowed.</p> <p>No Hats, or head coverings* and ear coverings are not to be worn in the building during school hours.</p> <p>No pants worn in a “Sag and Drag” fashion (pants worn below the waist to the extent that the underwear and/or skin is/could be exposed)</p> <p>No accessories such as obtrusive jewelry, dangling scarves, and large belts.</p> <p>Clothing may not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> depict, advertise or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances. depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts share or depict hate speech. Depict violence or threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff member.

*Head coverings may be worn for religious and cultural purposes. Please notify administration in advance.

Additional Safety/Clarifying Comments:

- Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes must have a "closed back" for safety reasons. House slippers and flip-flops are not appropriate in school or at school functions.
- Any garment deemed inappropriately tight, short, or revealing is prohibited. For example, polo shirts must fit so that they may be easily buttoned. Any attire that is disruptive to the educational process is prohibited. Attire that is unsafe, unhealthy, offensive to generally accepted standards, or obscene is not to be worn. Decals, slogans, or pictures that contain references to illegal substances (i.e. e. alcohol, drugs, etc.) or immoral behavior are not allowed.
- Accessories such as obtrusive jewelry, dangling scarves, and large belts are not permitted.
- Pants worn in a "Sag and Drag" fashion (pants worn below the waist to the extent that the underwear and/or skin is/could be exposed) are not permitted in school or at school functions.
- An additional layer of solid color clothing such as turtlenecks or long sleeve thermals may be worn under the collared/polo style shirt for warmth.
- Team uniforms are appropriate to wear on game day only. Sleeveless uniforms (like basketball, track, etc.) must have a solid, white T-shirt underneath.
- No heavy outerwear is permitted during the school day. These must be stored in lockers upon arrival at school.

Items not specifically covered in the above list of dress code regulations will be at the complete discretion of building administration to approve.