

John Adams Middle School

DRESS CODE

The manner of dress must not create classroom disorder or distract others. **The administration reserves the right to restrict or prohibit any manner of dress or apparel judged to be inappropriate, a distraction to the learning environment, or apparel that presents a safety hazard.** The following guidelines are established to assist in maintaining the proper dress for school as per BOE POLICY 5132:

1. Students may not wear apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances (i.e., drugs, alcohol or tobacco products). In addition, students may not wear clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane or inappropriate as judged by the administration.
2. Students may not wear strapless, see-through, one-shouldered, off-the-shoulder or halter tops. Additionally, bustiers, tops with cut outs, or shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed are not permitted (with arms raised the shirt must cover the midriff). Proper attire should include undergarments. No undergarments should be visible or worn as outerwear.
3. Tank tops, sleeveless tops and tops with thin straps may be worn, but the top must fall reasonably close to the neckline, as judged by the administration, and fall directly below the underarm to insure that the torso and undergarments are not exposed inappropriately. Bra straps must be covered. Tops that have lingerie or adjustable straps are not permitted. Clothing with thin straps should be worn with strapless undergarments.
4. No sunglasses may be worn during the school day (unless medically prescribed).
5. Students may not wear short shorts or short skirts. Shorts and skirts should have a reasonable distance from the knee but should not be shorter than mid-thigh. Ripped jeans should not be ripped in areas which could be considered as inappropriate as judged by the administration.
6. Students are not permitted to wear or carry hats or outerwear, such as winter coats, rain coats, heavy jackets, varsity jackets, during the school day. Windbreakers, lightweight jackets or lightweight jackets that are a part of a uniform or a warm-up suit are permitted during the school day.

NOTE: On special occasion days, such as School Spirit Day, the Principal is authorized to permit the wearing of hats or sports uniforms.

7. Ski masks are not permitted to be worn in school. Any similar type of hats or hoods that hide the face are not permitted and will be confiscated.
8. No sweatbands, headbands, scarves, bandannas, kerchiefs or large chains (jewelry) may be worn on any part of the body or visibly displayed in any other fashion while in school (unless approved by the administration for religious or medical reasons).
9. Students are not permitted to wear clothing that are clearly pajamas, slippers, or sleepwear.

NOTE: On special occasions, such as School Spirit Day, the Principal is authorized to permit the wearing of pajamas, slippers and sleepwear.

10. Students may not wear gloves of any kind (i.e. winter gloves, mittens, batter's gloves, etc.).
11. Students are not allowed to carry backpacks during the school day.