

# What Not To Wear

Darlington County School District recently tightened the district-wide dress code to reduce distractions, improve safety, and create a more positive educational climate.

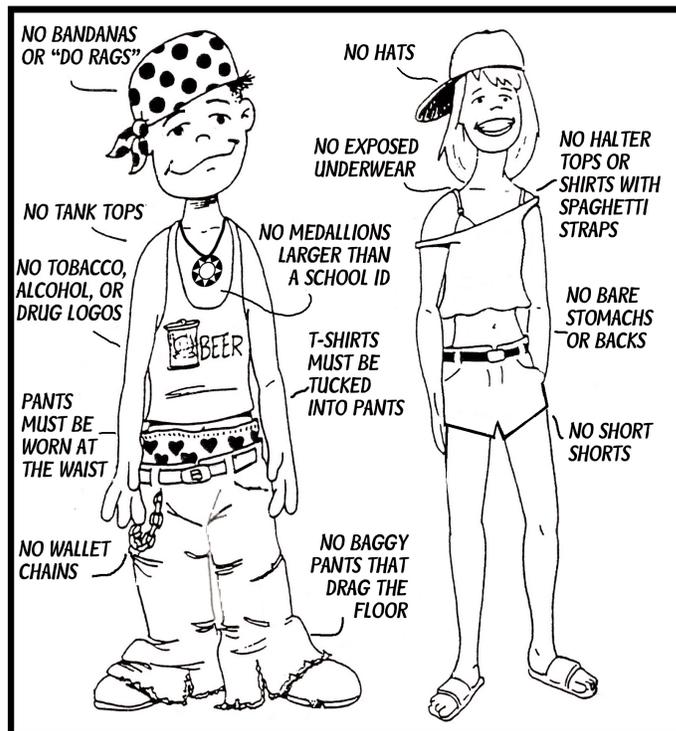
All students must follow the dress code while attending school, riding buses to and from school, and participating in school functions, unless otherwise indicated by the principal.

If a student violates the dress code, he/she will be sent home to change or a parent may bring a change of clothes to the school.

Refusal to change will result in in-school suspension and repeated violations will be considered disruptive behavior in violation of the student code of conduct.

Students who are removed from class to change clothes will be required to makeup any class time they miss. The makeup time will take place after school. Parents will be responsible for paying for a certified teacher to remain and instruct the student. Failure to do so may result in a student repeating the course(s).

The following is only a summary of the policy. The full policy can be found in the Policy Manual on the district's website (under COMMUNICATIONS, then PUBLICATIONS): [www.darlington.k12.sc.us](http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us).



## Dress Code Guidelines

- No exposed undergarments or midriffs. Clothing must cover the waist, back and shoulders.
- No bagging, sagging, or dragging clothing. Pants must be worn at the natural waist and also not touch the floor. Underwear must be covered.
- No medallions larger than the student's I.D. badge.
- No unusual body piercing that is disruptive or distracting.
- No wallet chains or other type chains that may be dangerous or disruptive.
- No clothes or jewelry that show gang affiliation or membership.
- No clothes that display anything related to tobacco, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
- No bandanas or "do rags".
- No hats and/or sunglasses inside the buildings (they will be confiscated).
- No immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, offensive, distracting, suggestive, or revealing or offensive clothes.
- No clothes that create unrest/animosity with different ethnic groups or display racist or sexual harassment overtones.
- No tight shirts, tank tops, low cut (showing cleavage) shirts, haltertops, or shirts with spaghetti straps.
- No "short shorts" or short skirts. Shorts and skirts must be long enough to extend below the extended fingertips of the wearer or two inches above the knee. Any slits in the garment must open below the fingertips.
- No transparent or mesh clothing without an appropriate shirt underneath.
- No accessories or clothes that could pose a safety threat, including heavy chains not made as jewelry, fishhooks, brass knuckles, multiple-finger rings, rings that can be used as a weapon, studded bracelets/collars, nose/lip-to-ear chains, etc.
- No picks or combs in hair.

## Students MUST

- Tuck in shirts (especially t-shirts) so that belts or waistbands are clearly visible at all times unless it is clear that contraband or a weapon cannot be concealed under the shirt.
- Wear appropriate shoes at all times to ensure safety.
- Wear covered toe shoes in labs and designated shop areas.



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