

Dress Code

General Statement

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District considered basic guidelines when determining appropriate school attire. These guidelines include:

1. Modesty
2. Cleanliness
3. Health
4. Preservation of the Educational Environment
5. Safety

We at UCFSD believe that student dress and overall appearance should foster a positive and productive environment and should reflect pride in one's self as well as in our school. We further believe that student dress and appearance is a shared responsibility of the home and the school.

The administration will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of clothing and/or appearance, and reserves the right to prohibit students from wearing any articles of clothing or other items which lead to or may foreseeably result in the disruption of or interference with the school environment. In the event the administration determines a student's dress is inappropriate for school in accordance with these guidelines, the administration will then require the student to change.

Section I - General

1. Tattered, torn, or ripped clothing is prohibited
2. Excessive baggy pants or baggy clothing is prohibited
3. Under clothing may not be exposed
4. Skin-tight clothing is prohibited

Section II - Tops

The following items are unacceptable: Muscle shirts, spaghetti strap/halter/mesh tops, see-through blouses or shirts, tube tops or crop tops. Tops should completely cover undergarments. Tank tops must be worn with undergarments that are completely covered.

Any top that is skin-tight, or allows the midriff, cleavage, undergarments, or bare back to be exposed is not permitted.

Coats, jackets, or garments designed for protection from outside weather are not to be worn in school and should be secured in lockers during the school day.

Section III - Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Skorts

1. Pants, shorts, and skorts must be secured and worn no lower than the hip. Low riding, sag style is not permitted.
2. Length of pants should not extend beyond the bottom of the shoe and should not drag on the floor, to a point of being unsafe.

3. Tear-away pants, boxer shorts worn as outerwear are permitted only if worn over other clothing.
4. All shorts, skirts, skorts, and slits in skirts must touch the bottom of the fingertips with arm fully extended.
5. Cutoffs, or clothing with holes, of any type are not permitted.

Section IV - Offensive Dress

1. Clothing, patches, buttons, pins, jewelry, back packs are not permitted if they: Have sexually suggestive writing/pictures; advocate violence, advertise or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs; have double meaning wording or obscene language/gestures, disrespectful, or satanic in nature.
2. A tattoo must be covered if it: has sexually suggestive writing/pictures, advocates violence; advertises or promotes the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, disrespectful, prejudicial, or satanic in nature.

Section V - Footwear

1. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times
2. Any shoe that poses a safety hazard is not permitted
3. Shoes with laces must be tied.
4. Sandals and flip-flops are permitted unless prohibited by a specific class activity as determined by the teacher.

Section VI - Jewelry

1. Spiked jewelry, chains, or any jewelry that could cause injury or constitute a hazard are not permitted.

Section VII - Headwear

1. Hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, visors, and sweatbands are not permitted.

Section VIII - Health and Hygiene

1. Any apparel that is judged to be unhealthy or unsanitary (e.g., clothing that is dirty and/or gives off a foul odor) is not permitted.
2. Each student is expected to maintain good personal hygiene.

The Administration will give consideration to the appropriateness of the above for "Spirit Days" and special events.