

Covington Middle School Fine Arts Academy

Dress Code Guidelines 2019-2020



This dress code is designed to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment

Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.

Clothes must be worn in a way such that abdomen, genitals, buttocks, breasts and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric.

➤ **STUDENTS MUST WEAR:**

- * A SHIRT (with fabric that touches the waistband in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), AND
- *PANTS/jeans or the EQUIVALENT (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), AND
- *SHOES.

TOP & BOTTOM ITEMS STUDENTS MAY WEAR



- Religious headwear
- Hats facing straight forward or straight back and must allow the face and ears to be visible to staff and not interfere with the line of sight
- Hoodie sweatshirts (wearing the hood over head is allowed, but the face and ears must be visible to school staff)
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps
- Halter tops
- Athletic attire



STUDENTS CANNOT WEAR

- Violent language or images
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity). or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL)
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded)
- Swimsuits (except as required in class, field trips, or athletic practice see “Extracurricular Activities”)
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon
- Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance)

OUTERWEAR and OTHER

- Blankets may not be “worn” in the school building.
- Earphones are not permitted, nor can they be exposed without teacher permission for specialized use.
- Backpacks and large purses cannot be carried in the building during the instructional day.

All items listed in the “must wear” and “may wear” categories above must meet the district basic principle.

The administration will determine the appropriateness of any dress code concern, in consideration of student safety and well-being and the impact on the overall school environment.

Parents may contact our Counselors, Assistant Principals, or Parent Specialist.

Students who fail to follow these dress guidelines will be asked to change into more appropriate attire. In some cases the school may provide options, if a parent is not able to bring alternative clothes to school for the day.

“Dress for Respect and Success”