

Creekland Middle School Student Dress Code Effective January 2007

Student Dress Code:

Creekland Middle School is a learning environment. It is important that all students dress in a way that will enhance their personal mission of learning. Therefore, it is important that all students dress appropriately for the school setting. Below are the regulations put in place to help students achieve the appropriate dress for school.

Appropriate Dress for Students:

1. **Headgear:** Headgear is prohibited and must be kept out of sight in the building. This includes, but is not limited to: caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, or any other head covering. No combs, rakes, curlers or picks can be worn in hair. *Exceptions for religious or medical reasons to be granted by the principal.
2. **Hair:** any hairstyle or hair color that is disruptive to the mission of learning at Creekland is prohibited. No hair color that is of unnatural shade is allowed.
3. **Shirts/ Blouses/ Tops/ T-Shirts:** Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the clothing covers the tops of shoulders. No halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops or bare shoulder tops of any type will be allowed. Blouses/ shirts that expose any portion of the waist, hips or midriff are not allowed. If you raise your arms above your head and the stomach shows, the top is unacceptable. Other blouses/ shirts that are not appropriate are low-cut, backless, see through, or tube tops. Boys are not to wear sleeveless shirts. Boys must wear shirts in P.E. All clothing must be worn in the way it was designed to be worn.
4. **Shorts/ Skirts/ Pants:** All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Slits in skirts cannot be above mid-thigh. **The outer layer of clothing from the waist down must meet all dress code requirements.** This includes but is not limited to skirts with leggings or jeans worn under them and cheerleading skirts with warm up pants worn under them. Waistline of all pants, shorts and skirts must be on or above the hips with no underwear showing. Holes in clothing above mid thigh are prohibited. All clothing must be worn in the way it was designed to be worn.
5. **Trench Coats/ Long Coats:** Students may not wear trench coats or other long coats that resemble the style of a trench coat to school. Students may not wear blankets, capes or cloaks to school. All coats must be properly worn.
6. **Shoes:** Health regulations and safety factors require that shoes be worn at all times. Bedroom shoes, flip-flops, beachwear and athletic sandals are prohibited.
7. **Undergarments:** Undergarments should not be visible at any time. No questions asked!
8. **Sleepwear:** Pajamas or sleepwear of any kind are not allowed to be worn in school for any reason. This includes slippers.
9. **Tights/ Leotards:** Stretch, lycra spandex or nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, or underwear worn as an outer garment are strictly prohibited. The outer layer of clothing must meet dress code requirements.
10. **Overalls:** Overalls must fit and be fastened appropriately. A shirt of proper length and style must be worn under the overalls at all times.
11. **Wording/ Symbols:** No student clothing that displays words or symbols that advocate or depict violence, smoking, drugs, alcohol, weaponry, sex, illegal gang affiliation or other illegal activity expressed or implied. No student clothing or accessories shall be disruptive or have caused past disruption to the school environment.
12. **Jewelry:** Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons are not allowed to be worn at school. This includes, but is not limited to, wallet chains, jewelry such as spiked rings, spiked bracelets, spiked watches, spiked collars, two or three finger rings that are joined and bulky chains worn around the neck or waist. Sharp objects that could pose a

danger such as spikes, nails or safety pins are not allowed on clothing, body parts or book bags. Mouth grills are not appropriate and should not be worn at school or on school grounds.

13. **Gang Related Attire:** Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been identified by the Gwinnett County Police Gang Taskforce as being commonly identified with gangs. Garments, jewelry, body art and tattoos that communicate gang allegiance are not allowed to be worn in a manner that communicates gang affiliation. Gang related attire includes but is not limited to the following: Students rolling up one pant leg, long bulky chains and necklaces, gang-styled belt buckles (belt buckles which have Old English script letters and symbols), large oversized pendants on necklaces and chains, bandanas, altering clothing from its original form to change the names and/or intended marking on the clothing, sweatbands, headbands, and wristbands, and draping articles of clothing or towels, or other objects out of pants pockets or over the shoulders or neck area.

This rule is subject to updates as additional wearing apparel becomes identified as gang affiliated or disruptive. You should consult the CMS website frequently to be informed about additions or changes to this rule.

14. **Belts:** All belts must be worn properly fastened around the waist. The belt should not be excessive in length and should not be hanging from either side of the body.
15. **Exceptions** to the Creekland Middle School dress code may be made by the Principal or his/her designee for specific reasons.