

Davidson Middle School Student Dress Code 2024-2025

Davidson Middle School spirit is displayed through student dress. Our dress code is an opportunity for students to show their Panther Pride and is the same for males and females. Monday through Thursday, students are required to wear an official Davidson shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie while at school. A Davidson design must be visible at all times while indoors.

An official Davidson shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie must be purchased through the Davidson school store or a school approved fundraiser. Official Davidson apparel also includes most shirts purchased or received through participation in athletics, band, chorus, cheer, dance, clubs, or other extracurricular activities at Davidson. Exceptions will be addressed by coaches or sponsors. Dress code shirts should not be altered in style (e.g., the side seams cut and then tied, knotted in the side or back, cut-off, marked, or excessively damaged).

On Fridays, students will be permitted to participate in Free Friday. They can choose clothes that are not Davidson attire; however, clothes must still be appropriate for school in accordance with our dress code policy.

Inside the building, students can wear an open zip-up, button-up, or snap front jacket with an official Davidson shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie clearly visible.

In addition to official spirit shirts, Davidson dress code adheres to School Board Policy 4-31. Students should wear garments appropriate for school. Extremes in dress, hairstyle, make-up, or jewelry are not appropriate. Keep in mind that students are required to follow the school dress code policy while in PE and on field trips. If in doubt, please do not wear it!

- All lengths of shorts, skirts, skorts, or dresses must approach the knee about mid-thigh. Shirts cannot be longer than shorts, skirts, or skorts. Running shorts must be worn with solid leggings.
- If pants have holes, rips, or tears, skin cannot show at the mid-thigh or above. Undergarments and pockets must not be visible.
- Yoga pants, leggings, joggers, jeggings, etc. may not show any undergarments.
- Pants, jeans, or shorts must be worn at the waist and should not sag at any time.
- Tank tops, strapless tops, similar shirts, or dresses when worn without a shirt, jacket or sweater are not permitted. Sleeveless shirts must have a hemmed edge.
- The midriff and back must be covered at all times. No crop tops, low-cut tops, or plunging necklines.
- Clothing bearing slogans or pictures with references to alcohol, drugs, racial remarks, sexual connotations, gangs, violence, or other offensive material is not permitted.
- Pajamas, blankets, capes, costumes, costume accessories, and canes (unless medically prescribed) are not permitted.
- Underwear/undergarments to include bralettes must not show at any time.
- Hair must be neat and clean and must not interfere with a student's vision.
- Hats, visors, hoods of hoodies, and all other head coverings may not be worn inside the building. Sunglasses are not permitted inside the building. Paisley bandanas cannot be worn or brought to school.
- Shoes must always be worn. Slippers, light-up shoes, and skate shoes are not allowed.
- Jewelry that contains any type of sharp object is not permitted. Chains, including wallet chains, are not allowed.
- Writing and/or drawing on yourself or others is not permitted.
- Carrying stuffed animals or other such paraphernalia is not permitted.

Students who voluntarily participate in activities that require a certain uniformity in personal grooming (such as band, chorus, clubs, or sports) may be required to groom themselves in a more moderate fashion during the time that they are participating in the activity.

Appropriate student grooming and dress are primarily the responsibility of the student and parent. However, in adopting a code of student dress, it is the intent of the school board to ensure that a student's personal hygiene, appearance, or dress is such that it does not disrupt the orderly learning environment, interfere with the educational process, or endanger the health and safety of the student or others. Failure of any student to dress simply and appropriately should be brought to the attention of the principal or the principal's designee. The principal or the principal's designee will determine when these provisions have been violated and will make the initial decision as to conformity to policy and discipline offenders as outlined in the discipline matrix. Refusing to change or a repeated dress code violation will be categorized as disobedience and disciplined accordingly.

The administration reserves the right to modify student dress code guidelines to determine what might be inappropriate, disruptive or unsafe. As a proactive measure, the dress code policy is fully and formally reviewed in detail at the beginning of each semester with students. The dress code for Davidson Middle School, approved by the SAC, is not all-inclusive.