

Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School

Dress Code 2017-18

Our groundbreaking school will be a catalyst for learning innovations across Greenville County Schools, integrating fine arts and project-based learning into the more conventional science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum. Students at Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School will be exposed to unprecedented educational opportunities and are expected to dress and groom themselves accordingly.

Shirts, Collared Dresses, and Jumpers: Red, Gray, White, Navy Blue, Black, Green (grass green or darker)--
SOLID COLORS

- Polo-/golf-style or Oxford-style collared shirts, short or long-sleeved.
- Shirts and collared dresses must be buttoned appropriately, and shirts with tails must be tucked in.
- The only logos allowed on shirts are small logos that reflect the maker of the shirt and can be no larger than two square inches.
- Shirts must cover all of the mid-section when hands are raised above the head, and may be no longer than fingertip length when arms are held to the sides.

Pants, Shorts, and Skirts: Navy Blue, Khaki, Gray, Black (SOLID COLORS)

- Docker-/Chino-style, non-denim long pants, shorts, or skirts worn at the natural waistline with no undergarments visible. Cargo pants and shorts with 6 or fewer pockets are acceptable. Pants, shorts, and slacks must not bag, sag, or drag.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than the vertical length of the student's ID badge above the knee, and must assure modesty when seated, traveling the stairs, or managing daily activities.
- Sweatpants, yoga pants, jeggings, athletic pants, and athletic shorts are not allowed for ladies or gentlemen. Holes or slits in pants, shorts, or skirts are unacceptable even if patched.
- Leggings of dress code pants color may be worn only under skirts. Leggings and tights are considered undergarments. The shorts, skirts, shirts, or dresses worn over them must be mid-thigh when a student is seated.
- Belts are optional.

Footwear:

- Proper shoes must be worn at all times. Students may wear sandals as long as they have backs. No bedroom shoes, shower shoes, mesh type slippers, or shoes without backs are allowed. For safety reasons, students may not wear shoes with heels higher than 2.5 inches, and all shoelaces must be tied.
- Athletic shoes and designated gym clothes must be worn for PE.

Outerwear:

- Sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece, and jackets of dress-code shirt color may be worn in the classroom.
- The only logos allowed on such outerwear are small logos that reflect the maker of the shirt and can be no larger than two square inch.

Dress-down Days:

- The principal will allow multiple opportunities for students to wear jeans and other, more casual attire throughout the year. These days will serve as rewards for the students, incentives, or school spirit days.
- Special attire days and other dress code exceptions are at the Principal's discretion.

General:

- Clothing and/or hair should not be so extreme or inappropriate to the school setting as to disrupt the education process. Therefore, clothing deemed by the administration to be distracting, revealing, overly suggestive, or otherwise disruptive will not be permitted.
- Wearing accessories or clothing that could pose a safety threat to oneself or others is not allowed. No facial jewelry other than earrings may be worn.
- No head covering is allowed while in the building or classroom. This includes hats, caps, toboggans, earmuffs, headbands, hairnets, or hoods of any type. (No do rags or hair wraps)
- Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense of the term.
- No clothing, jewelry, or tattoos are permitted that display profanity, suggestive phrases, or advertisements for, or messages or pictures depicting or suggesting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sex.
- Pajamas, bedroom slippers, and similar lounge wear may not be worn.
- Headphones/earbuds are not allowed at any time while in the building, except when a teacher gives permission for their use in the classroom. Students may also use headphones/earbuds in the mornings before school until they are released to report to their first period class.
- This dress code is in effect inside the school building, on school buses, and all school functions.

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 that lead to or may 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 this policy, the administration will inform the student not to wear the garment to school again. Additionally the administration may require the student to change, issue a detention, or place the student in ISS until a change of clothing is available or for the remainder of the day.

Repeated violations of the dress code will be treated as disruptive behavior in violation of the District's Behavior Code and will result in school suspension.