



Policy #44 – Dress Code Policy

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to minimize distraction and focus students' attention on their work at St. Cloud Math & Science Academy rather than their attire, and to project a unified school image, which is proper and neat in appearance, reflecting the important work of the school. The Dress Code is a means to help all members of St. Cloud Math & Science attend to the mission and vision of the school.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

As with all school operations, Dress Code requirements shall be nonsectarian and ensure student safety. The school may restrict the wearing of any attire otherwise complying with the Dress Code where the wearing of such attire would compromise the student's physical safety in a particular situation (e.g. the wearing of any jewelry may be prohibited during physical education for safety reasons).

The following specific Dress Code guidelines are included in our Student-Parent Handbook:

Students are expected to be clean, neat and dressed appropriately for the school day. Clothes are expected to cover the student's body and undergarments (i.e. no bare midriffs, no exposed underwear, no spaghetti straps, no short skirts or shorts, pants must be worn at an appropriate waist level, no wheeled shoes, no caps or stocking hats, etc.). Articles of clothing or word/symbols on personal property that are inappropriate or cause disruption will not be allowed. Baseball caps and stocking hats are not permitted to be worn inside the school building unless an exception has been made.

*In support of St. Cloud Math & Science Academy's commitment to tobacco free and drug free schools, words or symbols that advertise products which are illegal or harmful for students will **not be permitted**.*

Outerwear coats and hats are not to be worn during the school day because of health and safety reasons. Sweaters and sweatshirts are encouraged for use during the school day by students who may feel chilled.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

St. Cloud Math & Science Academy's students are expected comply with the Dress Code on a daily basis. Teachers, with assistance from the administration, will enforce the Dress Code.