

# 2024 - 2025 Challenger K8 Middle School Dress Code

It is our belief that school is a child's first job and therefore, the student should dress appropriately to "go to work". While we appreciate the fact that pre-teens and teens may feel the need to use attire to express individuality, we do not believe that school is the appropriate place for making this statement. Our dress code is not predicated by fashion or fad. *Updated June 2024*

## General Guidelines:

- All clothing is to be neat, clean, without holes, rips, or patches, and appropriately fitted.
- Undergarments, including camisoles are NOT to be visible.
- Clothing displaying skulls & crossbones or weapons may NOT be worn.
- PE uniforms are purchased from the PE department and must be worn for PE class ONLY.
- Appearance, accessories, or attire may not be disruptive to the learning environment

## Ditch the Duds:

Once a month, students can dress out of CK8 dress code for at least \$1. All money raised goes to a specific program, community outreach project, etc. Students **MUST** follow district dress code. **Crocs and slides are not allowed even on Ditch the Duds for ALL grade levels.** For details regarding district dress code go to the Hernando County Student Code of Conduct which can be found at [www.hernandoschools.org](http://www.hernandoschools.org)





## School Photo Days:




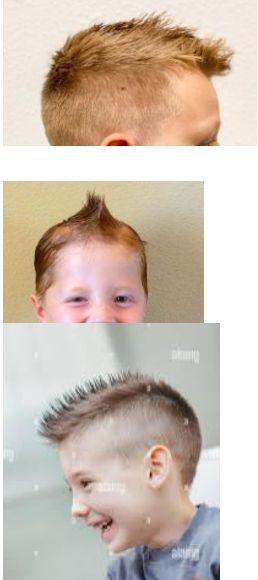
**Yearbook Student Photos:** Students should follow the CK8 dress code.

**Spring School Photos:** Students can follow the HCSB dress code.

\*If a student is unsure about whether an item meets the dress code guidelines, the student may bring the item in for review by administration prior to wearing it to school.

\*Revisions to the CK8 Middle School Dress Code may be made during the school year should the need arise. All changes will be posted on the school's website and Facebook page.

<b>Footwear:</b> Please consider safety when selecting school shoes as students will be using stairs and having PE daily. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All shoes must have a back.</li> <li>- No flip flops</li> <li>- No crocs</li> <li>- No slides</li> <li>- No slippers</li> </ul> <b>*For safety, students must follow this even on Ditch the Dud days.</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b> 	<b>Acceptable</b> 
<b>Tops and Jackets:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Polo-style button down with a collar</li> <li>- Full sleeve button down with a collar</li> <li>- CK8 spirit shirt.</li> <li>- Must have sleeves.</li> <li>- May not have more than two buttons unbuttoned.</li> <li>- May display appropriate logos.</li> <li>- Does not have to be tucked in but must be long enough to remain tucked in when hands are raised above the head or when bending over.</li> <li>- V-neck sweaters may be worn with a collared shirt underneath. No other V-neck shirts may be worn.</li> <li>- Outerwear including hoodies, sweatshirts, zippered jackets may have appropriate clothing line logos, patterns, and colors.</li> <li>- Hoods are to be down (off the head) while in the school building.</li> <li>- No oversized jackets will be allowed. Jackets must NOT be longer than the hips.</li> </ul>	<b>Unacceptable</b> 	<b>Acceptable</b> 
<b>Bottoms:</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be no shorter than 3" from the top of the knee to the bottom of the hem (this includes PE uniform shorts).</li> <li>- Shorts must have button and zipper.</li> <li>- Must be worn at the waist, not below it, or to expose undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner.</li> <li>- Skin or undergarments must NOT be exposed at any time.</li> <li>- Jeans and cargo pants/shorts may be worn.</li> <li>- Must be the proper length and not so long that they pile up on top of the shoes or drag on the floor.</li> <li>- Girls can wear capris.</li> <li>- Solid colored leggings may be worn under an appropriate length skirt.</li> <li>- Must NOT have frayed hems.</li> <li>- Basketball shorts, athletic gym shorts, mesh shorts, pajama pants, jeggings, joggers, sweatpants and spandex must NOT be worn.</li> <li>- Sweatpants may be worn ONLY for PE during cold weather below 50°.</li> </ul> <p><b>*On Ditch the Dud days, leggings may only be worn with a top that reaches mid-thigh so as not to expose undergarments or body parts in an indecent manner. Rips in jeans must also not expose undergarments or body parts in an indecent manner.</b></p>		
<p><b>Make-Up, Hair, Accessories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extremely heavy make-up is NOT acceptable.</li> <li>- Mohawks, highly pointed hair, shaved eyebrows, and inappropriate designs or wording shaved into hair are not acceptable as they can be disruptive to the learning environment.</li> <li>- Student hair may not be an unnatural color in its' entirety such as blue, green, purple, fire engine red, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>*Students who come to school with inappropriate and distracting hairstyles will need to call their parents to come pick them up and they may not return until it is corrected.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facial piercings and gauges are NOT allowed. Earrings are acceptable.</li> <li>- Students are discouraged from wearing expensive jewelry to school. If the jewelry is lost, broken, or misplaced, neither the school nor the teacher can be responsible for its return or replacement.</li> <li>- Jewelry worn at school must not pose a safety or health hazard to the student and must not cause disruption in the class or on campus.</li> <li>- Students must NOT wear unnecessary accessories (ie. gloves, chains, spikes, safety pins, hats, hoods, bandanas, doo-rags, fishnet tights).</li> <li>- With coach's permission, hats may be worn during PE when outside.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Unacceptable</b></p> 	<p><b>Acceptable</b></p> 

**Administration will have final discretion on ALL dress code violations. The dress code is in effect beginning the first day of school, setting the tone and expectations for the entire school year.**

### **Dress Code Consequences:**

<p><b>First Offense:</b></p> <p>The student shall be given a verbal warning and the administrator or their designee shall call the student's parent or guardian to bring a change of clothes.</p>	<p><b>Second Offense:</b></p> <p>The student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed five days, may lose a privilege and the school administrator or their designee shall call the student's parent or guardian to bring a change of clothes.</p>	<p><b>Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses:</b></p> <p>The student will receive a discipline referral and be sent to ISS for the day. The student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty days, may lose additional privileges such as middle school dress code and the school administrator will call the student's parent or guardian to bring a change of clothes.</p>
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