

DRESS CODE (2022-2023)

COLEMAN COUGAR STANDARDIZED DRESS EXPECTATIONS

TOPS

Colors: White, Black, Orange

All tops must be solid color, logo no larger than a quarter

Long-sleeved t-shirts and thermals are not allowed unless it is a Coleman spirit shirt

Undershirts – Must be a top dress code color. PE shirts are not allowed as an undershirt.

Allowable Styles in solid school colors.

- Polo shirt – must have collar
- Oxford dress shirt – must have collar, long or short sleeved
- Blouse – must have collar, long or short sleeved
- Sweaters/Sweatshirt – crew, V-neck, or buttoned sweater
- Turtleneck
- Coleman spirit shirt/sweatshirt: for purchase in the fall.

JACKETS

Jackets can only be worn outside of the building. Jackets will need to be kept in the students' locker. Students may only use their jackets for recess and at dismissal. A jacket is considered anything that can be zipped up.

BOTTOMS

Colors: Khaki (Tan), Dark Blue (Navy), Black

All bottoms must be solid color, logo no larger than a quarter

No blue jeans or denim of any kind

No athletic or sweatpants/shorts

No skinny jeans, jeggings, or tights.

No sagging pants/slacks

Allowable Styles:

- Pants/Slacks - fit at the waist
- Shorts – No more than 3" above knee
- Skirts/Jumpers/Dresses – No more than 3" above knee (even if leggings are worn), shorts must be worn underneath skirts
- Leggings – may be worn under skirts in place of shorts, must be a bottom dress code color

SHOES

Should provide adequate support and safety, cover toes and include a supportive backing at all times.

No flip-flops, slides, house shoes, or shoes with wheels

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- Student ID's must be worn on a lanyard around the neck or clipped to the shirt collar during the school day and at school sponsored events.
- Coats/jackets, hats, backpacks, and purses are to be kept in lockers during the school day.
- Bandanas, bandana prints, head coverings, scarves, sunglasses, and combs/picks are not to be worn.
- Headbands may be worn, but they cannot have a logo larger than a quarter.
- Chains, wallet chains, or spiked apparel are not allowed.
- Jewelry, socks, belts/buckles, hair styles, tattoos may not detract from the learning environment.

Students not in compliance with dress code will be asked to change clothes or call home for a change. Students may be asked to wait in In-School Suspension (ISS) until a change is brought from home. Students are subject to detentions, or In-School Suspension (ISS) for repeated dress code violations. **Administration will make the final decision regarding any dress code violation.**

If you need financial assistance for clothing, please contact our Social Worker at 973-6666 or the United Way help line at 211.

JEANS DAYS

Students may wear standardized dress or they may wear jeans (no holes or fashionable fraying). Students may wear a college shirt, college sweatshirt or college hoodie.

COLLEGE WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday, students are permitted to participate in "Wear College Wednesday". Students must wear standardized bottoms but are permitted to wear a college t-shirt or hoodie for their top.

COLEMAN COUGAR NON-STANDARDIZED DRESS EXPECTATIONS

Coleman Middle School has non-standardized dress expectations for dress down days and other school events not requiring adherence to the standardized dress code. It is expected that students make choices with dignity, self-respect, and common sense in determining appropriate dress on these occasions. Any student unsure if something conforms to non-standardized dress expectations should check with an administrator before wearing it.

Specific non-standardized dress expectations are listed below.

- Student ID's must be worn on a lanyard around the neck or clipped to the shirt collar.
- Clothing may not display or promote profanity, alcohol, drugs, gang association, sex, racist, ethnic, or sexist slurs, or derogatory statements of any kind. Any question as to the appropriateness of the message will be left to the discretion of the administration.
- Clothing must cover both shoulders and upper chest and must be long enough to cover skin at the waist.
- No see-through clothing, shirts with no sides, low cut shirts, tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, bare midriff, back-outs, or spaghetti straps will be permitted.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses may be no more than 3" above knee.
- **All Jeans, pants, athletic shorts or pants, must remain at the waist.**
- **Jeans are to have NO holes or fashionable fraying.**
- No Jeggings, tights, or form fitting pants.
- **Coats/jackets, hats, backpacks, and purses are to be kept in lockers during the school day.**
- Hooded clothing items **are** allowed, but the hoods are not to be worn inside the building.
- Bandanas, bandana prints, head coverings for non-religious purposes, sunglasses, and combs/picks are not to be worn.
- Chains, wallet chains, or spiked apparel is not allowed.
- Shoes should provide adequate support and safety.
- No flip-flops, slides, house shoes, or shoes with wheels.

Students not in compliance with non-standardized dress expectations will be asked to change clothes or call home for a change. Students may be asked to wait in In-School Suspension (ISS) until a change is brought from home. Students are subject to disciplinary action for repeatedly violating non-standardized dress expectations.

Administration will make the final decision regarding any non-standardized dress violation.