

2022-23 DRESS CODE at Queen City Stem School

Good afternoon QCSS Families,

If your scholar/s plan to attend QCSS in the Fall, please take a moment to [visit this website](#) and sign up for alerts related to purchasing uniforms. The school code is **NC025**. You will need this to sign up for alerts and shop for our school. Uniforms were not strictly enforced this school year due to many of the uniform options being unavailable due to complications associated with the pandemic. However, next year uniforms will be strictly enforced.

Thank you in advance and please let me know if you have any questions.

Ms. Griffith

Rules & Expectations

Students are expected to wear the QCSS uniform at all times and to dress and groom themselves in such a way as to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and safety. All students should dress appropriately so as not to disrupt or interfere with the educational program or the orderly operation of the school. The principal or other authorized school official shall determine whether any particular use of the school uniform is in violation of the spirit and/or the intent of this school uniform policy. Students and parents are expected to honor the uniform code in order that valuable school time is not spent examining student attire to determine appropriateness.

1. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Students must be in complete uniform when they arrive at QCSS.
- Uniforms are expected to remain intact and appropriately worn throughout the entire day at school. Students must remain in full uniform until after they leave QCSS.
- Students can only change out of their uniform if they are participating in PE class, sports and/or other school activities that require flexible clothing or athletic gear. If a student changes clothes when not appropriate, disciplinary action will be taken.

2. BOYS:

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Pants or shorts must be worn properly at the waist and not sag below the top of the hips. They may not wear the top of their pants or shorts below their buttocks.
- Pants or shorts may be khaki, navy blue, or black.
- The material may not be denim, suede, or corduroy- it must be 100% cotton or a cotton/polyester blend that is wrinkle resistant.
- Pants or shorts may not be rolled or folded up. Shorts must be at least fingertip length and no longer than the top of the knee when standing. Capri style pants are not acceptable for boys. Pants and shorts must not fit too snugly.
- Athletic shorts are not permitted except for PE class or after school sports.

3. GIRLS:

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Girls may wear pants, capris, scooters, skirts, dresses, and bermudas. These may be khaki, navy blue, or black.
- Material may not be denim, suede, or corduroy- it must be 100% cotton or a cotton/polyester blend that is wrinkle resistant.
- Bermudas, shorts, skirts, dresses and scooters length must go to the knee. Students wearing any bermudas, shorts, skirts, dresses and/or scooters shorter than knee length. Pajama bottoms, jeans, pants, or other apparel may not be worn under the pants/capris/scooters/bermudas.
- Bermudas, shorts, skirts, dresses, and scooters must be worn properly at the waist and not sag below the top of the hips. They may not wear the top of their pants/capris/scooters/bermudas below their buttocks. Bottoms may not be folded or rolled up. They must not fit too snugly.

4. TOPS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

- Shirts for Boys and Girls must be tucked in at all times.
- The embroidered QCSS school logo is required for all polo shirts. The logo should only be embroidered on the upper left side of the shirt.
- Students may wear an outer layer over their logo polo shirt as needed for cooler temperatures. The logo is not required to be embroidered on this outer layer as long as a logo shirt is worn underneath. The outer layer should not have any brands or writing on them other than the school logo if desired. The outer layer should be a solid school color. The outer layer may not be tied/worn around the waist. This outer layer may include:
 - Pullover sweatshirts (no hood)
 - V-neck or crew neck sweaters
 - Cardigan/button sweaters
 - Sweater vests
 - Full or half zipper fleece
- A long sleeve solid, school-colored shirt may be worn under the short sleeve polo embroidered shirt for warmth.

5. SHOES & SOCKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

- The emphasis regarding shoes is safety. For that reason, all shoelaces must be tied properly, all buckles fastened, all straps/velcro secured- nothing may dangle or drag from the shoe.
- Shoes must be closed-toe dress shoes, athletic shoes, or boots.
- Socks or tights must be worn daily.
- The following are not permitted at school:
 - Heels higher than one inch
 - Wheels or roller shoes
 - Lights, glitter, sequence, or jewels on the shoe
 - Slippers, flip-flops, open-toe shoes
 - Fish-net stockings
 - Legwarmers

6. MISCELLANEOUS GUIDELINES (Note- some guidelines only apply to Dress Down Days)

- All outside coats and jackets or hooded apparel may not be worn inside the school building – this includes windbreakers during the school day. All outside coats and jackets or hooded apparel must be put in the student’s locker immediately upon entering the school building. The bottom two or three buttons on the uniform shirt must be buttoned at all times.
- Clothing should be neat and clean.
- Clothing may not be worn inside out or backwards.
- Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Hair, face, and body paint are inappropriate for school and not permitted.
- Cosmetics and/or make-up should be age appropriate, appropriate for school, and not attract undue attention.
- Clothing with rips, tears, holes or frayed edges is considered inappropriate for school.
- Jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention or pose a safety risk.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted and should not attract undue attention.
- Hats, caps, curlers, headscarves, bandanas, doo-rags, pics, combs, brushes, sweatbands, chains, sunglasses, gloves, arm warmers and coats are not to be worn during school hours. Head wraps for religious or cultural purposes are permitted. Head wraps should be a solid color that coordinates with the school colors.
- Clothing that is excessively revealing, such as short mini-skirts, short-shorts, tank tops, loosely fitting, low-cut blouses or halter tops, sheer/mesh shirts, or shirts exposing the midriff are not to be worn to school. Leggings should only be worn under tunics/dresses/shirts that are at least knee length. All dresses and skirts must be at knee level. (Mainly applies to non-uniform days at school)
- All t-shirts must be in good taste (no suggestive wording or illustrations or advertisements for items which are illegal for students - i.e., alcohol and tobacco products, etc. (Mainly applies to non-uniform days at school)
- Excessive multiple piercings are not allowed while in uniform so as not to attract undue attention or pose a safety risk. The administration at each school reserves the right to evaluate and rule upon any dress, grooming, or student appearance that is not consistent with a safe, non-distracting educational environment that may or may not be contained in this policy. This would include, but is not limited to, new trends or fads in a fashion which may have been unknown at the time of the policy’s approval by the Board of Directors.

The following Disciplinary Action will take place for Dress Code Violations:

There are two types of dress code violations:

Dress Code Violations we can modify at school

Examples: Having students tuck their shirts in, have students remove articles of clothing that are not prohibited- hats, jackets, sweaters, etc. Students will be asked to correct their dress code violation.

Dress Code Violations we cannot modify at school

Examples: Shorts that are too long, skirts that are too short, not wearing the appropriate shoes, not having the QCSS emblem on their shirts or dresses. Parents will be contacted and required to bring the students proper attire.

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