

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

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Baltimore County	Baltimore County Public Schools' Student Dress Code has no specific reference to the Confederate symbols. It prohibits clothing that is "disruptive to the school environment, that promotes illegal or harmful activities or that could endanger the health and safety of the student or other students."
Caroline County	Caroline does have a policy that includes student dress code that specifically bans symbols on student clothing, book bags, etc. It does include the confederate flag and hateful speech.
Cecil County	The CCPS Student Dress Code has no specific reference to the Confederate symbols. It prohibits clothing that "demeans or defames others." Schools address this on an individual basis.
Charles County	Charles County Public Schools dress code states:  Clothing that displays or symbolizes any language or material that is inappropriate for school or offensive to any group is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to material relating to drugs, alcohol, profanity, obscenity, racism, gang activity and violence.
Dorchester County	Dorchester County has no specific reference to the Confederate symbols. <i>Our policy states: Any clothing or item that depicts profanity, obscenity, and violence.... This includes pictures/drawings and or words. Clothing or items that degrade persons based on race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation will not be tolerated in the school environment.</i>
Frederick County	Like most of my colleagues have indicated, FCPS does not have a dress code that specifically bans symbols (unless gang related.) Regarding hateful speech, our policy reads: Students are prohibited from wearing clothing or items containing derogatory expressions or language regarding a person's race, color, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability that could substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities.
Garrett County	Garrett does not have an official dress code policy, but our student handbook does address freedom of expression much like other counties. It prohibits a disruption to the educational process, obscenities, etc.
Howard County	Howard County Public School System has Policy 9210 – Student Dress Code prohibiting clothing that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· contains language or symbols that demean an identifiable person or group or otherwise infringes on the rights of others</li> <li>· causes or is likely to cause a material disruption, a substantial disorder to school activities or the orderly operation of the school, or an invasion of the rights of others</li> <li>· contains rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior</li> </ul>
Kent County	Kent County does not have a specific Dress Code.
Montgomery County	Dress and Grooming <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students have a responsibility to be dressed and groomed for school in a manner that contributes to a school environment conducive to learning and in accordance with the local school discipline policy.</li> <li>2. Students may wear clothing associated with their religion or containing a religious message as long as the clothing is consistent with the requirements outlined in section 3 below.</li> <li>3. Students may not be disciplined for their style of dress or grooming unless it—</li> </ol>

	<p>a) is likely to cause a disruption to the educational environment;  b) causes a disruption to the educational environment;  c) endangers health or safety;  d) fails to meet a reasonable requirement of a course or activity;  e) is associated with gangs;  f) is lewd, vulgar, obscene, revealing, or of a sexual nature; or  g) promotes tobacco, smoking, alcohol, drugs, or sexual activity.</p>
Somerset County	All students PreK-12 wear uniforms so no issue for us with inappropriate t-shirts, etc.
Talbot County	<p>Talbot County has this language in our dress code policy.  Any student wearing clothing that is deemed by the school administrator to be inappropriate or disruptive to the learning environment will be asked to change or cover up objectionable clothing. Parents/Guardians will be called to provide appropriate clothing to the student. Students will not be permitted to leave campus to change clothing.</p> <p>And in another sections this states...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No clothing or accessories (bracelets, backpacks, notebooks, belts, and/or buckles, etc.) are to be worn that state, imply, or promote: obscene language, tobacco, drug and/or alcohol use, sexually suggestive slogans and/or depictions; racial, violent, gang-related, or socially offensive images or language.</li> </ul>
Queen Anne’s County	Queen Anne's County does not have a student dress code that specifically bans symbols, confederate flags, hateful speech or any of the qualifiers mentioned in question 1.
Washington County	<p>Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) does have an Administrative Regulation JCFA-R (“Student Dress Code Regulation”) that states as follows:</p> <p>D. <u>Language, Symbols, and Messages</u></p> <p>Words or symbols deemed to be inappropriate for the school setting such as: rude, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions which are inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior, or which may substantially disrupt or materially interfere with the educational setting are expressly prohibited on student apparel and person. Student appearance and apparel must not show any reference to or inference to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. profanity</li> <li>2. drugs, alcohol, or tobacco</li> <li>3. violence</li> <li>4. suggestive, sexual messages</li> <li>5. language or symbols that offend, demean, or promote hatred toward an identifiable person or group</li> </ol> <p>Section D also applies to body art, whether permanent or temporary. Body art which violates the regulation must be completely covered during the traditional school day or at any district sponsored or sanctioned event.</p>
Wicomico County	The Wicomico County Board of Education Dress Code Policy prohibits “Language, brand logos or symbols as or on attire that offend, demean or promote hatred toward an identifiable person or group based on a person’s race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation or disability.”

Worcester County	Worcester has a very basic dress code that does not allow inappropriate items on the clothing.