

ALTON C. CREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

Alton C. Crews Middle School is a learning environment. It is important that all students dress in a way that will enhance their personal mission of learning. Therefore, it is important that all students dress appropriately for the school setting. Listed herein are the regulations put in place to help students make the right choices for school appropriate attire.

Appropriate Dress for Students:

1. **Headgear** is prohibited at school. This includes, but is not limited to: caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, or any other head covering. No combs, rakes, curlers or picks can be worn in hair. *Exceptions for religious or medical reasons to be granted by the principal.
2. Any **hairstyle** or hair color that is disruptive to learning at Alton C. Crews is prohibited. No hair color that is of unnatural shade is allowed.
3. **Blouses** or **shirts** need to cover the tops of shoulders. No halter tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops or bare shoulder tops of any type will be allowed. Blouses/ shirts that expose any portion of the waist, hips or midriff are not allowed. Low-cut, backless, see through tops and/or tube tops are not appropriate. Boys are not to wear sleeveless shirts. Boys must wear shirts in P.E.
4. All **shorts** and **skirts** must be no shorter than finger-tip length. Slits in skirts cannot be above finger-tip length. **The outer layer of clothing from the waist down must meet all dress code requirements.** This includes but is not limited to skirts with leggings or jeans worn under them and cheerleading skirts with warm up pants worn under them. Waistline of all pants, shorts and skirts must be on or above the hips with no underwear showing. Holes in clothing above the knee are prohibited.
5. Students may not wear **trench coats** or other long coats resembling the style of a trench coat to school. Students may not wear blankets, capes or cloaks to school.
6. Health regulations and safety factors require **shoes** to be worn at all times. Bedroom shoes, flip-flops, beachwear and athletic sandals are prohibited.
7. **Undergarments** should not be visible at any time.
8. Pajamas or **sleepwear** of any kind are not allowed to be worn in school for any reason.
9. Stretch, lycra spandex or nylon **tights**, leotards, biker pants, or underwear worn as an outer garment are strictly prohibited. The outer layer of clothing must meet dress code requirements. **Leggings, jeggings, and tights ARE NOT pants and must be worn with dress code appropriate shorts, skirts, dresses, or pants.**
10. **Overalls** must fit and be fastened appropriately. A shirt of proper length and style must be worn under the overalls at all times.
11. No student shall wear clothing that displays **words** or **symbols** that depict violence, smoking, drugs, alcohol, weaponry, sex, gang affiliation or other illegal activity expressed or implied. No student clothing or accessories shall be disruptive or have caused past disruption to the school environment.
12. **Jewelry** or accessories that may be used as weapons are not allowed to be worn at school. This includes, but is not limited to, wallet chains, spiked rings, spiked bracelets, spiked watches, spiked collars, two or three finger rings that are joined and bulky chains worn around the neck or waist. Sharp objects that could pose a danger such as spikes, nails or safety pins are not allowed on clothing, body parts or book bags. Mouth grills are not appropriate and should not be worn at school.
13. **Gang Related Attire:** Students are not allowed to display clothing or symbols that have been identified by the Gwinnett County Police Gang Taskforce as being commonly identified with gangs. Garments, jewelry, body art/tattoos that communicate gang allegiance are not allowed to be worn in a manner that communicates gang affiliation. **This rule is subject to updates as additional wearing apparel becomes identified as gang affiliated or disruptive. You should consult the CMS website to be informed about additions or changes to this rule.**
14. All **belts** must be worn properly fastened around the waist. The belt should not be excessive in length.

Exceptions to the Alton C. Crews Middle School dress code may be made by the Principal or his designee for specific reasons.