

The purpose of the DSST Public Schools dress code is to create a professional, safe and respectful community where students may place their sole focus on learning. The dress code is in effect from the start of the school day until the end of the school day.

General Rule: All dress must be appropriate. DSST Cole reserves the right to make judgment calls on any specific student's attire. Attire that promotes inappropriate topics is not allowed, including: violence, drugs, tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, gangs, sex/nudity, or anything else deemed derogatory or harmful.

Tops

- Students must wear a DSST Cole top (polo, t-shirt, gym shirt, etc).
- DSST Cole crewnecks and hoodies may be worn but the hood cannot be worn over heads
- Outside jackets and sweatshirts with hoods must be taken off before entering class and put away in the student's locker.

Bottoms

- All students must wear bottoms that fully cover undergarments (no part of underwear or undershorts can be showing).
- Ripped jeans are allowed, but if rips are located on mid-thigh or higher, tights must be worn underneath the jeans.

Shoes

- Students must wear closed-toe shoes. Shoes 'must completely cover the foot' according to Finn Scientific lab guidelines. Therefore, **no sandals, or slippers are allowed.**
- Crocs are allowed.

Headwear

- Headcoverings (beanies, bonnets, and du rags) are allowed. However, head coverings cannot cover or hide a student's face or ears.
- Baseball caps are not allowed.

Other

- Text on clothing/jewelry that promotes violence, alcohol, gangs, tobacco, drugs or presents a sexual statement, explicit or implicit, is not allowed
- If clothing is determined to be inappropriate or distracting, DSST staff have the right to withhold the clothing item and return it to the student at the end of the day
- Bandanas of any color are not allowed to be worn or visible throughout the school day
- To build helpful habits and set the conditions for learning, blankets should not be used or brought into the classroom

Dress Down Days

- Students with earned dress down privileges must still follow dress code guidelines.
 - No undergarments should be visible (bras, underwear, undershorts)
 - Tank tops are allowed, but no spaghetti straps
 - Crop tops are not permitted