Purpose Statement

DPS Student Dress Policy states “Student dress and personal appearance are essential aspects of creating a safe school environment. Attire must not disrupt the school’s learning environment…and it must show respect for others. Please check with your child’s school for specific dress code or uniform policies.” Below is the DSST GVR HS Dress Code:

Our dress code will encourage and reflect a multicultural community focused on academic excellence and identity development among a diverse student body. Therefore, our dress code was created with the following purposes in mind:

Functionality: Functionality is an important part of being ready to successfully go through your day. Clothing should not restrict any member of the community from fully participating in all activities, including sitting, moving between buildings, and working in lab settings.

Community & Self: We are committed to the well-being of all members of our community and ensuring that all clothing is respectful of others. It is important to the school culture that all members of the community feel welcome to display their culture and individuality through their dress.

Context: There is a time and a place for specific dress. The expectation for an academic setting is a baseline of casual to business casual attire. Certain activities may call for more formal dress and community members are expected to dress accordingly.

Daily Dress Code

Daily dress code applies to the academic hours of 7:30 - 3:30, while serving academic interventions, and at teacher/coach discretion during after-school activities.

SHIRTS/TOPS:
Shirts that meet dress code must be worn at all times. For all students, shirts must cover shoulders/torsos/backs/midriffs/chest. Shirts may not expose anything being worn as an undergarment. Shirts worn under sheer and see-through tops must cover torsos, backs, midriffs, and chests. Tops that button or zip may be worn open, as long as the outfit meets the above requirements.

PANTS/BOTTOMS:
Pants/bottoms/dresses/skirts that meet dress code must be worn at all times. For all students, skirts or dresses should fall close to the knee (covering roughly 75% of the thigh while standing), whether measured from the front or the back of the leg. Pants must be of a length to reach mid-calf or lower. No bottoms or dresses may have rips or tears, nor may they expose anything being worn as an undergarment. Bottoms that are intended for athletic activities or for sleeping are not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to pajama pants, sweatpants, yoga pants, and leggings as pants. Leggings may only be worn beneath skirts and dresses that meet the length requirements. “See-through” bottoms/dresses must “see through” to a bottom/dress that meets all of the above requirements. Shorts are not permitted. All pants/bottoms must fully cover student undergarments.
SHOES:
Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be closed-toed, be hard-soled, and permit students to move quickly and safely in the case of an emergency. Footwear that is not permitted includes, but is not limited to, crocs, sandals/slides, slippers/house shoes.

JACKETS/OUTERWEAR:
Light jackets may be worn in school on top of a shirt that meets the expectations of the Daily Dress Code. Jackets must not restrict necessary movements of students or be large enough to conceal anything inappropriate for a school setting. If a jacket or sweatshirt does have a hood, the hood may not be worn at any time on campus or at a school event.

OTHER:
- Glasses should have clear lenses.
- Piercings and tattoos can be visible as long as they adhere to the community expectation of content and context.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn or carried in school at any time. Hooded tops may be worn, but the hood may not be up.
- Cultural and religious items/clothing are permitted. All other headwear is not permitted, including but not limited to, bandanas (regardless of print or color) or hats.

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION OF CONTENT
We are committed to the well-being of everyone on our campus and ensuring that we all feel safe coming to school.

Because of this commitment, the community expectation is that clothing does not:
- Objectify any person or group
- Reference drugs or alcohol
- Include cursing, or derogatory or obscene language
- Depict or glorify violence or other unlawful activity

DSST Staff reserve the right to make a final determination on whether content meets our school’s expectations.

INTENTIONAL DRESS DAYS
If there is an occasion which necessitates that students wear a specific type of clothing (i.e. formal or business attire for a presentation, guest speaker, etc.) it is up to the leader or teacher’s discretion and he/she should clearly communicate this to students both for requirements as well as rationale. These days may include, but are not limited to, verbal exams/presentations, trimester awards, or college visits.

RAPTOR PRIDE DAY
On days designated as “Raptor Pride” days, students are encouraged to wear clothing (tops or bottoms) that are specifically designed for DSST and DSST:GVR students and staff. If a student is wearing a DSST top, he/she is allowed to wear non-DSST loungewear (athletic pants, sweatpants, leggings). Students not wearing any clothing that is specifically designed by or for DSST should follow regular dress code expectations.
STUDENTS OUT OF DRESS CODE

The goal is for all students to be in class to maximize learning time. If a student is not dressed as outlined above for the purposes of functionality, community & self and context, of school, the following steps will be taken:

1. If a student arrives to school not in dress code, any staff member at any point in the day will direct the student to the Front Office or Mr. Van Tiem’s office (depending on the building the student is currently in).
2. If a student has the ability to immediately fix the dress code violation, and keep the violation fixed for the remainder of the school day, then that will happen and the student will be able to return to class as quickly as possible.

A dress code shirt can only be a fix for a student’s shirt/top. If the violation is with pants/bottoms, a dress code shirt will not fix that violation, thus will not be an adequate solution.

If a student does not have the ability to fix the dress code problem on his/her own, and the problem is for a shirt/top, the following will take place:

1. The student will be offered a dress code shirt, which must be worn for the remainder of the day.
   a. The student will need to trade in a phone/ID/valuable for a shirt to be returned at the end of the school day.
2. If the student does not accept the dress code shirt or does not wear the shirt as intended to fix the dress code problem, which will allow him/her to return to class, then the student will not be able to return to class until it is fixed.
3. Deans or the FO will call home to inform parents/guardians of the situation and request for clothes within the dress code to be brought to school.
4. The student will be given a plan and a space to work independently on schoolwork until the issue is fixed.
5. Teachers will be notified about the student being out of class and updated about the student throughout the day if anything changes

If a student does not have the ability to fix the dress code problem on his/her own, and the problem is for pants/bottoms, the following will take place:

1. Deans or the FO will call home to inform parents/guardians of the situation and request for clothes within the dress code to be brought to school.
2. The student will be given a plan and a space to work independently on schoolwork until the issue is fixed.
3. Teachers will be notified about the student being out of class and updated about the student throughout the day if anything changes