

DRESS CODE

The dress code has been established to identify specific standards that all students must follow. Administrators and teachers shall enforce and participate in the dress code policy. **The administration shall be the final judge as to compliance with the dress code.** This dress code is established for two purposes: one, to develop a community among the students and staff; and second, to be dressed in a manner that displays school pride as the school will have visitors and work with higher education, business, and community partners on a regular and frequent basis.

Grades 9 and 10

All students in 9th and 10th grades are required to wear the following uniform:

- Khaki pants or black pants. Pants must not have more than 4-pockets (two in front and two in back). No cargo-style pants, no skirts, no capri pants, no leggings and no shorts are allowed.
- Top Outer Garment must be one of the following STEM items. These items **MUST** be ordered through the school or school approved vendors.
 - Polo style shirt: white, royal blue, or navy polo shirt w/ STEM embroidered on it***
 - Cardigan: navy or black long sleeve cardigan w/ STEM embroidered on it
 - Sweatshirt: grey or navy long sleeve sweatshirt w/ STEM embroidered on it
 - Blouse: light blue 3/4 sleeve blouse w/ STEM embroidered on it
 - Oxford: royal blue or light blue long sleeve button down w/ STEM embroidered on it
 - Jackets: below w/ STEM embroidered on it
 - navy unisex fleece jacket
 - navy girls fitted fleece jacket
 - navy fleece lined rain jacket
 - navy packable rain jacket
 - STEM School Spirit Store items through Robotics Team or House Committee:
 - white, grey, navy or blue STEM School Chattanooga t-shirt
 - STEM grey beanie
 - additional spirit wear from spirit store
 - STEM School T-shirts that support school organizations (for example, climbing team t-shirt, STEM Jubilee shirt, House athletic t-shirt, etc.).
 - For student-athletes who participate in CSAS sports, student-athletes may wear CSAS apparel every Friday to school.
 - ***Polo style shirt (white, royal blue, navy) may be attained from non-STEM vendors and embroidered with STEM (approx 1"x3").
- No open toe shoes.
- Undershirts, even with long sleeves extended out of the Polo, are allowed; however the outer garment must always be one of the Top Outer Garments listed above. Non-STEM hoodies and jackets are not allowed to be worn over the Top Outer Garment during the school day unless approved by staff.
- No hats or headgear are to be worn in the building with two exceptions: scarves and embroidered STEM gray beanie (beanie is part of STEM School Spirit Store).
- Sunglasses should be put away and not worn when inside the building.
- No alterations to uniform clothing are permitted.
- The administration has the right to disallow any item that takes away and distracts from an appropriate workplace environment. Examples include excessive facial piercings, brightly colored hair, and any other distracting element as deemed by the school administration.
- On whole school House Competition days, 9th and 10th grade students will follow the 11th and 12th grade dress code.
- One edit to the dress code is on Fridays. The senate added an opportunity for everyone at STEM (all students and staff) to wear blue jeans each Friday. This opportunity is reviewed by the senate and, if necessary, suspended in the case inappropriate jeans are worn.

Grades 11 and 12

Outside the STEM School Building:

When 11th and 12th grade students are out of the STEM School building, their dress should meet the standards of that location (Chattanooga State, UTC, or a community and business partner).

Presentations:

When 11th and 12th grade students present to any non-student group, regardless of location, students will dress in a professional manner.

Inside the STEM School Building:

When 11th and 12th grade students are in the STEM School building, they are required to wear the following uniform:

- Top Outer Garment must be one of the following STEM items. These items **MUST** be ordered through the school or school approved vendors.
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 - Cardigan: navy or black long sleeve cardigan w/ STEM embroidered on it
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 - STEM School T-shirts that support school organizations (for example, climbing team t-shirt, STEM Jubilee shirt, House athletic t-shirt, etc.).
 - For student-athletes who participate in CSAS sports, student-athletes may wear CSAS apparel every Friday to school.
 - ***Polo style shirt (white, royal blue, navy) may be attained from non-STEM vendors and embroidered with STEM (approx 1"x3").
- Undershirts, even with long sleeves extended out of the Polo, are allowed; however the outer garment must always be one of the Top Outer Garments listed above. Non-STEM hoodies and jackets are not allowed to be worn over the Top Outer Garment during the school day unless approved by staff.
- No hats or headgear are to be worn in the building with two exceptions: scarves and embroidered STEM grey beanie (beanie is part of STEM School Spirit Store).
- Sunglasses should be put away and not worn when inside the building.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, etc., must extend beyond the fingertips.
- Cardigan is the only uniform item that is allowed alteration. Students can remove sleeves at the shoulder seams to make the cardigan into a vest and may also customize the buttons.
- The administration has the right to disallow any item that takes away and distracts from an appropriate workplace environment. Examples include excessive facial piercings, brightly colored hair, and any other distracting element as deemed by the school administration.