

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Students shall comply with the following dress code that reflects the standards of our school and community. Freedom to express one's individuality exists through participation in the many activities associated with our educational programs.

School dress, like all modes of dress, should be appropriate for the environment and the activity in which the individual is involved. Anything deemed to be distracting or detrimental to the education process will not be permitted. The following restrictions are in effect in the interest of safety, cleanliness, neatness, and appropriateness; however, due to styles and fads changing, it is impossible to anticipate and list all areas where a decision of acceptability must be made. The final determination about whether an item or style is objectionable under the student dress code is left to the judgment of building administration.

In the event a student injury requires modification of the dress code, parents or students are expected to contact an administrator for approval before the student returns to school.

Violation of dress code: Students who violate the dress code will be referred to the office and asked to change or have appropriate clothing brought from home. Students can and may be placed in AEP until their clothing is dress code compliant. Our goal is to return students to class as soon as possible. A warning is not required for a student to receive consequences for dress code violations. Students who continually violate the dress code may receive more severe consequences.

General guidelines are as follows:

1. Apparel advertising activities considered illegal to young people that are related to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use, promiscuity and/or sexual implications are not permissible. Likewise, any garment or style of dress or hair designs, which display any obscene word, symbol, racial slur, ethnic epithets, gang affiliations, weapons, sexist attitudes, offensive illustrations, terrorist or violent messages is inappropriate and not permitted.
2. All clothing is to be clean, un-tattered, un-torn and worn appropriately.
3. Attire that may create a distraction to the educational process is not permitted, including but not limited to tank tops, spaghetti straps, midriffs, halter tops, chains attached to wallets or any apparel, revealing necklines, low-cut/off-the-shoulder tops, and backless clothing. Shirts must have at least a 3" wide strap on the shoulder.
4. SKIRTS/DRESSES/SHORTS must be no shorter than finger-tip length (in its entirety).
5. Leggings/tights/spandex/yoga pants or other tight fitting and/or revealing pants must be worn with a top, skirt or dress that is finger-tip length or longer in its entirety.
6. Ear piercing and clear spacer/plugs are permitted; however, gauges are not permitted.
7. No other visible piercings are permitted (including facial, tongue, nose, or any covered piercings).
8. Tattoos that are inappropriate, vulgar, or obscene must be covered.

9. PANTS/SHORTS must be worn appropriately at waist height with no undergarment or skin exposed (even when sitting).
10. Sleepwear (pajamas, slippers) are not permitted.
11. Sheer garments must be worn with appropriate clothing underneath.
12. Inappropriate and/or unnatural hair coloring, hairstyles, and extreme accessories are not permitted. Hair must be out of a student's face and eyes.
13. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed and must not be an unnatural color or style.
14. Items which obscure your identity such as hats, bandannas, sunglasses, sweatbands, hoods on the head and headwear are not permitted to be worn in the building during the school day. Head coverings for religious purposes are permissible.
15. Outdoor apparel, including but not limited to coats and gloves are not permitted.
16. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
17. No backpacks, gym bags, drawstring bags, or bookbags of any type are permitted during the school day. These may be used to transport items to and from school only.
18. The administration will support advisors of extra-curricular, co-curricular, Career Technical programs, athletic teams, and special programs who may establish dress and grooming requirements outside those listed above. Such requirements are to be in the interest of efficient performance and uniform appearance.

**Perry Local School District
Bylaws & Policies**

5511 – DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall establish such grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
- B. materially interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
- C. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objective because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

The Superintendent shall establish the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the District at a public event.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy which:

- A. designate the building administrator as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. instruct staff members to demonstrate by example and precept wholesome attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.

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