

Pittsgrove Township Middle School

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DRESS CODE

Dress Code enforcement begins at home. Parents/Guardians have the primary responsibility of making sure their children understand and adhere to the Pittsgrove Township Middle School dress code, and arrive at school appropriately dressed and groomed.

The dress code described below cannot fully predict all circumstances. For that reason, the principal or designee reserves the right to determine whether a student's dress is appropriate for the educational environment.

Clothing:

- Sleeveless attire is permitted as long as the straps are at least three fingers wide.
- Off-the-shoulder tops, halter-tops and tube tops are not permitted.
- No low-cut tops (no exposed cleavage).
- No bare midriffs or bare backs. Tops and bottoms must meet at all times – sitting and standing.
- All clothing that is transparent/see-through (including fishnet fabrics or fabric that is too thin) is prohibited.
- Clothing shall conceal undergarments at all times, including boxer shorts, bra straps, etc.
- Undergarments are never to be worn as outer garments.
- **Skirts/dresses/shorts must be mid-thigh in length**
- Pants are to be worn at the waistline with undergarments not exposed.
- No boxer shorts, skin-tight shorts, spandex, pajamas or similar clothing considered “loungewear.”
- Clothing must be properly buttoned.
- All apparel must be clean--not ragged, ripped, frayed, or contain holes. If jeans, pants, shorts or skirts have holes in them, leggings, colored pantyhose or patches must be behind each hole higher than mid-thigh in length

Headwear:

- No head coverings or headwear of any type are permitted in the building. This includes hats, bandannas, sweatshirt hoods “hoodies,” head/sweat bands (unless they are pulling hair back off of face), goggles, and sun glasses.

Footwear:

- No slippers, or other shoes that pose a safety hazard. Sandals may be worn unless other footwear is required by the teacher during a class activity that may pose a potential safety hazard. In such cases, teachers will notify students in advance.

Other Items:

- No chains, spikes, dog collars, or other sharp objects on any type of clothing, accessories, or jewelry that may pose a danger to the wearer or others.
- No gloves or mittens.
- No blankets, “snuggies”, pillows, stuffed animals, or blanket like items.
- No clothing, book bags, or other possessions that display inappropriate pictures, drawings, wording, or gestures that are offensive to others.
- No double meanings or crude phrases, references to or direct display of profanity, sexual or violent activity, terroristic, racist or sexist symbols, or promotion of harmful and/or illegal substances – including alcohol and advertisements for taverns/bars.
- Any item of clothing (or jewelry) which depicts bias symbols or hate messages or is intended to harass, threaten, intimidate or demean an individual or group of individuals because of sex, color, race, religion, disability, national origin or sexual orientation and which, in the judgment of the administration, has substantial risk of creating a material disruption to the learning environment and/or school operation shall be prohibited.

Students in violation of the dress code will be given **ONE** opportunity to change their clothes, call a family member to bring a change of clothes, or borrow clothes from a friend. In the event that they cannot change their clothes, they will be required to sit in ISS for the remainder of the day and the parent/guardian contacted. Subsequent dress code violations will be noted in the student's discipline file. See PTMS Code of Conduct for disciplinary action due to dress code violations