

## Dress Code Policy

The dress code is designed to create an appropriate academic climate for all. Pleasure Ridge Park High School believes standards of neatness and appropriateness in clothing encourage an atmosphere conducive to learning, work, and discipline. Furthermore, it is felt that pride in one’s school and oneself is, in part, influenced by appearance. Our dress code guidelines are developed to contribute to a school climate that is conducive to learning.

<b>ACCEPTABLE DRESS</b>	<b>UNACCEPTABLE DRESS</b>
All shorts and skirts are as long as a closed fist when the student’s arm is extended to the side.	Rips or tears in the pants above the closed fist when the student’s arm is extended to the side.
Shirts have a strap	Midriff exposed
All undergarments are covered	Exposed undergarments
Hats may be worn, but they cannot obscure a student’s identity. Hoodies may be worn, but hoods may not be up. Students’ ears must be visible at all times unless for religious purposes.	Any apparel/accessory that features illegal or vulgar language or images is NOT allowed.
Medical masks are worn for the safety of the student or as mandated by the district.	Any item that could be hazardous to students’ safety or used as a weapon is NOT allowed.
	No ski masks, gaiters, bandanas, or sunglasses.
	No blankets.

Students must comply with the dress code policy upon arrival until exiting school grounds.

**AMENDMENT:** The Board’s SB 150 resolution stated, “FURTHERMORE, the District shall allow students to dress in a way that matches their gender identity, which includes not having to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity and femininity.” This policy change incorporates that direction from the Board.

**Student Dress Code**

A student may choose his/her manner of dress and otherwise arrange their personal appearance, subject to the school's dress code. However, the wearing of any item that materially or significantly disrupts the educational process or threatens the health or safety of other students or staff members is prohibited. If a school council chooses to adopt a dress code, it shall be consistent with Board standards set out in the District's Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook and the Student Bill of Rights.

Board Policy 09.13 requires that all students be afforded equal educational opportunities. Board Policy 03.131 sets forth the District's commitment to racial educational equity. In accordance with those policies, a school dress code:

1. Shall not include prohibitions of specific hair textures or hairstyles traditionally associated with a student's race or ethnicity;
2. Shall not include prohibitions of appropriate attire or hairstyle, including length of hair, that discriminate against a student based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and
3. Shall allow a student to dress in a manner in accordance with his/her/their gender identity, notwithstanding traditional gender norms of masculinity and femininity.

*Administration reserves the right to determine if any clothing or item causes a disruption or is a safety issue to the educational process.*

*NOTE: It may be necessary to distribute an addendum to the dress code for students to clarify the guidelines outlined above. Exceptions may be announced due to extenuating circumstances.*

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