

Pittsgrove Twp. School District – Pittsgrove Middle School

STUDENT 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 School District 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 attire is appropriate for the educational environment.

For the purposes of the PTSD Dress Code, **attire** is defined as articles or aspects of personal appearance including, but not limited to: clothing, footwear, headwear, jewelry or accessories, wearable technology, book bags, body art, tattoos, or sunglasses.

Students must wear clothing and shoes.

Clothing:

- Students must wear clothing and shoes.
- When standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to below the buttocks/mid-thigh. At no time may any part of the student's buttocks be exposed.
- Clothing may not be see-through.
- Clothing must cover all undergarments and underwear.

Headwear:

- Hats and other head coverings are not permitted unless part of a "special" day event or for religious, medical, or cultural reasons. This includes hats, sweatshirt hoods - "hoodies,"
- No wearing of sunglasses unless for medical or safety purposes approved in advance by Administration or the School Nurse.

Footwear:

- **MS/HS** - Bare feet, slippers or other shoes that pose a safety hazard are unacceptable.
- **ELEMENTARY** - Bare feet, slippers, flip-flops, or other shoes that pose a safety hazard are unacceptable.

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Other Items:

- Attire and/or grooming depicting or advocating violence, weapons, criminal activity, gang-related activity, use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, pornography, foul language, hate speech, or clothing that could be considered dangerous or that could be used as a weapon are prohibited.
- Attire that depicts biased symbols or hate messages or could be perceived 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 a 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 attire, call a family member to bring a change of clothes, or borrow clothes from a friend. In the event that they cannot change their attire, 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 *Discipline Code* for disciplinary action due to dress code violations.

**** Awards Ceremonies and Special Events ****

Students are expected to dress appropriately for award or recognition ceremonies. Appropriate attire for these ceremonies is typically more formal than regular school clothing. Business casual attire, such as collared shirt, shirt and tie, dress pants, skirt and top, or dress, is acceptable. If the student is not dressed appropriately, then they may not be allowed to proceed to the front to be honored.

The building Administration reserves the right to make the final decision as to the appropriate nature of the clothing/item or message displayed on the student.