**DRESS CODE**

The Philadelphia Public School District’s Board of Trustees has defined the minimum standards of dress and grooming which will be acceptable for students throughout the school district. Every effort has been made to be as specific as possible concerning the acceptable styles and colors of clothing to be included in the uniform/dress code. When selecting your child’s clothing for school, you are encouraged to purchase only those items that are within the uniform/dress code guidelines. If you have questions concerning a certain style or color of clothing, you are encouraged to contact your child’s school principal for clarification before you make your purchase.

**NOTE: Alternative School students are required to follow the Alternative School’s Dress Code**

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| **CLOTHING CATEGORY** | **SOLID COLORS ALLOWED PER CATEGORY** | | | | | |
| **RED** | **KHAKI** | **WHITE** | **BLACK** | **BROWN** | **GREY** |
| PANTS |  | **X** |  | **X** |  | **X** |
| SHIRTS | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  | **X** |
| UNDERShirt (t-SHIRT) | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  | **X** |
| BELTS | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |
| JUMPERS/SKIRTS |  | **X** |  | **X** |  |  |
| SWEATSHIRTS / SWEATERS | **X** |  | **X** | **X** |  | **X** |
| SHORTS OR SKORTS |  | **X** |  | **X** |  | **X** |
| JACKETS OR RAIN GEAR | **X** |  | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |
| HEAVY COATS | **Must be solid colors.** | | | | | |
| **Note:** BLACK shirts, sweatshirts or sweaters shall not be worn with black slacks, pants, jumpers, skirts, skorts, or shorts at any time. **NO BLACK ON BLACK CLOTHING SHALL BE WORN, EXCLUDING JACKETS ONLY.** | | | | | | |

**Acceptable Clothing Types**

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| **TYPE** | **STYLE** | **SPECIFICATIONS** |
| **SLACKS/**  **PANTS** | Dress or Docker | Slacks/Pants/Capri’s must be fitted at waist, cuffed or uncuffed, pleated or unpleated (with or without the elastic).  Denim pants, skinny pants or pants made of fitted stretch fabric, parachute pants, wind pants, zip-off pants shall not be worn.  If the slacks/pants being worn are fitted with belt loops, then a belt must be worn inside the belt loops. |
| **SHIRTS** | Polo or Oxford | Shirts can be either long or short sleeve in length, and must be long enough to be worn and stay tucked in.  No tight fitted shirts, no “crop tops”, no hook & eye, no snaps, no zipper types allowed. |
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| **TYPE** | **STYLE** | **SPECIFICATIONS** |
| **UNDER-SHIRT** | T-shirt | Undershirts can be short or long sleeve, and must be worn tucked in. |
| **JUMPERS/SKIRTS** | Box pleat, Knife Pleat, Kilt style, or plain | Jumpers/skirts must be knee length or longer.  Jumpers must be either V-neck or round neck type.  Jumpers/skirts must not have slits cut above knee. |
| **SHORTS, SKORTS** | Plain | Shorts or skorts must be fitted at the waist, cuffed or uncuffed, pleated or unpleated (with or without elastic).  Denim shorts, shorts made of stretch or knit fabric shall not be worn.  If the shorts or skorts being worn are fitted with belt loops, then a belt must be worn inside the belt loops.  Shorts or skorts must be at or near **knee length or longer**, and contain no frayed edges. |
| **SHOES** | Closed toed loafer, Athletic shoe, or boot | Closed-toe shoes must be worn at school.  Shoes fitted with laces or straps must be tied or fastened properly.  Shoe laces must be the same solid school color for both shoes.  Boots must be knee length or shorter and must be brown or approved school colors.  Flip-flops, sandals, cleated shoes, skate shoes, heels, ~~or~~ house slippers or shoes with lights are not allowed. |
| **SWEATERS** | With or without zippers | Sweaters must not worn tied around waist, shoulders, or other body parts. They must be Cardigan-button up, pullover-scoop, or v-neck type.  The proper uniform style shirt must be worn underneath the sweater, and be visible at the neck. |
| **SWEAT-SHIRTS/**  **VESTS** | With or without zippers | Sweatshirts or vests must be solid school colors. A uniform shirt must be worn underneath the sweatshirt/vest.  Sweatshirts are not to be worn tied around the waist, shoulders, or other body parts.  Hooded sweatshirts may be worn but hoods may not be worn inside the school building. |
| **JACKETS/**  **COATS** | All Jackets must be long sleeved and open completely down the front | All lightweight jackets and or windbreakers must be a solid school approved color, i.e. RED, WHITE, BLACK, BROWN or GREY. The jackets may have accents or trim in a solid school color only.  All heavy jackets/coats must be a solid color. The jackets must be free of accents, patches, large logos, etc.  No Trench type coats will be allowed. Jackets/coats must not be longer than knee length.  Uniform shirts must be worn underneath the jacket/coat.  Jackets/coats must be worn properly and not tied around the waist, shoulders, or other body parts.  No hoods shall be worn on the head inside buildings. |
| **RAIN GEAR** |  | Rain gear shall only be worn outside during rainy weather and must be solid school colors. |

**ACCEPTABLE LOGOS/BRAND NAME LABELS**

**NOTE:** No color or appearance alterations to clothing may be made except to remove logos and/or trademarks. A logo is allowed, but limited to name of school, mascot, school club, or a combination of the above. Small manufacturer’s logo not to exceed 2” x 2” is allowed. Absolutely no banner type logos across front or back of sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets is allowed. All logos must be stitched, sewn or screened onto the fabric. Airbrushed or hand painted fabric is prohibited.

* **OTHER SPECIFIC MANDATORY DRESS CODE RULES**

In addition to the district uniform/dress code requirements, students and staff are expected to follow minimum standards of personal hygiene and appearance at all times. Violating the regulations contained herein or any other that may be considered a distraction to the instructional environment shall be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action. The following are prohibited:

* Visible body piercing (other than ears), including tongue piercings
* Ripped, ragged, cut-offs, or torn clothing
* Heavy chains, studded or spiked apparel
* Exposed mid-drifts
* Beach attire, cut-offs, tube tops, and sleeveless shirt tops (Note: On approved non-uniform days, sleeveless/tank tops with a minimum of 3-inch wide straps and a tight fit around the arms and neck may be worn. However, the top must be the appropriate size.)
* Sleepwear of any kind or pants that resemble such, including sweatpants
* Leggings may not be worn as pants. Leggings can only be worn under skirts/dresses as a covering for the legs in lieu of tights or hose. Skirts/dresses must be knee length or longer
* Head covering, including but not limited to hats, caps, sweatbands, toboggans, bandannas, skull caps or other forms of headwear (jackets and sweatshirts with hoods are allowed, but may not be worn inside the school buildings at any time)
* Sunglasses or non-prescribed dark glasses (unless accompanied by a medical note from a doctor)
* Oversized or undersized clothing that is noticeably and intentionally above or below the normal size - no “sagging” and/or “low-riding” clothing
* Disruptive hairstyles or accessories (Spiked hair, logo cuts, Mohawks, Oversized Afros, etc.) – only natural hair colors will be allowed
* Clothing, apparel, or jewelry associated with or depicting gangs, witchcraft, Neo-Nazism, cults, Satanism, sexual or drug related activities, etc.
* Any other clothing or appearance styles deemed as a distraction by the principal

In addition, the following standards of dress must be followed at all times while on campus and representing the school district.

* Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. However, all clothing must be worn so that no undergarments will be showing.
* Suspenders must be worn properly and not hanging down.
* Shirts shall be buttoned and tucked in at all times during school hours.
* Only approved footwear shall be worn, unless medical documentation is provided otherwise.
* Cleanliness of dress, body and hair is mandatory.

At the principal’s discretion, school organizations may be allowed to wear the appropriate organizational uniform only on designated days and/or deviate from the dress code to participate in special events (i.e. pep rally, field trip, school picture day, etc.).

**NOTE:** Under special circumstances only, decisions concerning the mandatory dress code shall be left to the discretion of the principal (i.e. medical necessity, religious observances, etc.).