

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Good grooming and personal appearance are essential in the teaching and learning process. All students are to bathe daily, groom themselves appropriately, and wear appropriate attire to school each day. All students are expected to dress for a positive learning environment within a professional setting with professional expectations. Students will dress in a manner that ensures health and safety and does not devalue the learning environment. Dress and personal appearance will not be permitted to cause disruption or interfere with the educational interest and welfare of the students or the purposes of public school education in the ACS.

Acceptable Grooming and Hygiene

- Students must be neatly dressed, clean, and well-groomed while at school.
- Hair should be kept neat, clean, and well-groomed.
- Hair length and/or style should not draw undue attention and should not cover the eyes.
- Appropriate and conservative grooming is expected at all times. Grooming and accessories shall not bring attention to one's self.

Acceptable Attire

- Pants must cover the hipbones. "Hip huggers" or "low-rise" pants/jeans are not allowed.
- Sweaters, hoodies, indoor jackets, or pullovers may be worn over appropriate shirts in classrooms. The hood may not cover the head while inside the building.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn. No undergarment may be seen through shirts, pants, shorts, or dresses. Athletic shorts will not be considered an undergarment.
- Large or over-sized coats must be placed in lockers or cubbies and not worn in classrooms.
- Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and should not distract from one's attire. Males may only wear studded earrings.
- Shoes must be worn at all times by all students. Shoes must be tied and/or Velcro straps must be fastened at all times. Jim Pearson students must wear tennis shoes.
- Students must wear appropriate shoes for physical education classes. Uniforms may be a part of PE attire.
- Belts are optional as long as shirts are tucked and the waistline is at the hip line. If worn, belts must be an appropriate length and fastened around the waist. The buckle may not be larger than a credit card.
- Vocational shop, physical education, and lab classes may develop additional dress codes to promote safety for all students or to allow for mobility for specific activities.
- With the approval of the administration, activity sponsors may establish more restrictive rules for dress and grooming as a prerequisite for membership or participation in specific activities.
- The principal or his/her designee will make the final judgment as to whether or not a student's clothing is appropriate for school wear. Attire for special days must be pre-approved by the administration.

ALL Male Students- Acceptable

- All male shirts must be tucked into pants at all times. This includes all collar shirts, T-shirts, thermal shirts, jerseys, etc.... sweaters, sweatshirts, and pullovers will not be considered a shirt. Male shirts must have sleeves.

ALL Female Students- Acceptable

- Shirts and blouses should have modest and appropriate necklines, arm openings, and closures such as crew neck, jewel neck, or boat neck. Undergarments must be worn. Blouses and shirts must be long enough so that when the arm is raised the midriff does not show.
- Dresses, skirts or shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches in length above the kneecap (front and back).
- Female shirt straps must be no less than a credit card in width.
- All female shirts must meet pants/shorts waistline. Female shirts must not show the midriff when arms are raised above the head. If so, the shirt must be tucked or an appropriate undergarment must be worn.

Unacceptable Grooming and Hygiene

- Extreme makeup is not allowed. Makeup should be natural in appearance. Exotic, theatrical, unusual, art, and fantasy makeup, etc.... are not permitted.
- Hair length or style should not draw attention to one's self.
- Contrasting colors, bright fluorescent colors or unnatural highlights/streaks (red, blue, green, etc...) are not

permitted. Curlers, excessive beads, rubber bands, sweat bands or other “head wraps” are not permitted.

- Students are not allowed to wear hair that covers the eyes.

Unacceptable Attire

- Students are prohibited from forms of dress, hairstyle, visible tattoos, or other adornments that draw undue attention to one's self or does not reflect the professional and conservative values of the school or school system in a manner that the principal deems disruptive to the learning environment.
- Bare midriff tops, open backed tops, crop tops, backless shirts, halters, cleavage revealing tops, and transparent or open back shirts or blouses and dresses are not permitted. Shirts, blouses, and dresses should not show cleavage. If a shirt or dress has buttons and slits, buttons must be fastened to cover cleavage or an appropriate undergarment must be worn.
- Unbuttoned or open-front shirts will not be allowed unless another shirt is worn underneath. The additional shirt must be within acceptable dress code parameters.
- Spandex material, clinging, form, or tight-fitting garments such as leggings, jeggings, spandex or stretch knit jeans are not allowed as pants. If wearing these items, the outside garment must be no shorter than 2 inches in length above the kneecap.
- Underwear is not permitted as outerwear. Thermal shirts may only be worn as an undergarment.
- Leather, pajama, fleece, sweat pants, and athletic pants or shorts are not permitted.
- Cut off garments are not allowed. All pants and shorts must be hemmed with no frays.
- Pants with holes, slits, frays, designs, graphics, etc... are not allowed. Faded jeans may be worn if the color is uniform throughout. Contrasting designs are not permitted. Slight flare is permitted.
- Pants, jeans, and shorts must fit properly. “Slacking” will not be tolerated.
- Clothing must be worn appropriately; e.g., front side to the front and back side to the back.
- Clothing or paraphernalia promoting activities prohibited by school policies are not allowed. Belongings and garments may not contain offensive or vulgar insignias, obscene language, unacceptable graphics, or illegal substances, including armbands, decals, slogan, controversial writings, or drawings having double or questionable meanings. This includes, but is not limited to, items showing firearms, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, handwritten messages, and/or illustrations which portray controversial and/or extremist groups or which otherwise create a hostile and/or offensive learning environment.
- Clothing which has become synonymous with any secret society or anti-authority gang/group activity is prohibited.
- Any item worn which could be considered a weapon or potentially harmful to others, such as spurs, metal wrist bands, chains whether around the neck, attached to wallets, etc...

Unacceptable Accessories

- Shoes with spiked heels are prohibited.
- The following shoes are not permitted: shower or athletic slip-ons, cleated shoes, bedroom shoes, skate shoes, etc...
- Sunglasses, non-prescription glasses (fake), hats, caps, bandanas, curlers, picks, or other head covering may not be worn to school. Head coverings are not permitted in the school building. Toboggans or beanies may be worn in extreme or cold weather with the principal's permission.
- Facial piercings including but not limited to the nose, lip, brow, and tongue are prohibited.
- Visible tattoos, ear stretchers, excessive beads, or anything that draws attention to oneself in a manner that may be disruptive to the educational process are prohibited.
- Controversial, offensive, or vulgar insignias, arm bands, decals, and slogans having double or questionable meanings, etc... are not allowed. Controversial or vulgar tattoos must be covered.
- Jewelry that could be considered a safety concern should not be worn. Long or multiple necklaces should be worn under the shirt for males. Hip hop rapper chains and medallions, chains that are longer than 18” in length are not allowed.
- Looped earrings larger than a quarter and dangling earrings more than 2 inches in length for females are not allowed.
- Ear spacers or plugs are not allowed for males or females.
- Purses larger than a folded piece of 8½” X 11” notebook paper are not allowed in classrooms.
- Food for lunch must be kept in a sack or lunch box and kept in lockers until lunchtime unless otherwise approved by the principal.
- Book bags, travel bags, and athletic carry-on bags are not allowed in classrooms.