

Pasco Middle School Dress Code



Rules of Dress and Appearance 2021-2022

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In order to promote an orderly learning environment in our schools while preparing all students for later success in the world of work, the District School Board of Pasco County has established the following guidelines for student dress:

- The principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy and guidelines contained herein. The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final as long as it does not contradict official district policy listed herein or elsewhere.
- These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school-sponsored transportation.
- Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to approximately mid- thigh. Tops must have straps at least 1" across. Undergarments must not be viewable.
- Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.

The following types of clothing, items, accessories and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment. Students that wear the same may be subject to discipline in accordance to the Student Code of Conduct.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeans or pants with rips or holes that expose undergarments, areas of the body that would generally be covered by undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner• Wallet chains, dog collars or similar items• Slippers or similar footwear• Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, spirit week, etc.)• Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, tights or similar clothing (unless covered by a shirt down to mid- thigh)• Jewelry that may cause safety issues and/or substantially disrupt the school setting• Hats, bandanas or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)	<p>Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which may or does:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substantially disrupt the school setting• Be offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum• Expose underwear, body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner and/or abdomen skin <p>Any clothing, items, accessories or apparel which contain or display:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profanity in any form• Violent images• Vulgarity in any form• Sexually suggestive words, phrases or images• Sexually implicit or explicit images• Advertisements or usage of tobacco, alcohol or drugs• Gang-related images and/or images that signify gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation
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- Offensive designs tattooed or imprinted on the body must be covered.
- Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation.
Slippers are not acceptable.
- If issued, student must be in possession of school badges during all school activities and must present the badge to school officials upon request.

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- Schools may not require a student to remove or discipline a student for wearing clothing that depicts a firearm or weapon or expresses an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment (F.S. 1006.07) **Clothing depicting violent acts and/or violence remain inappropriate for the school setting.**

Violations of these provisions of the dress code are subject to the following consequences:

Students will be required to have a dress code slip initialed by each teacher and the student will return it to student services at the end of the day after the bell rings.

1. Warning & change clothes
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3. Change clothes & 1 day lunch detention
4. Change clothes & 1 day lunch ISS
5. Change clothes & 2 days lunch ISS
6. Change clothes & 1 day after school detention
7. Discipline referral.

***Failure to complete any listed intervention/consequence will result in referral.

Students in violation of the dress code:

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/guardian as needed.
- Will be required to have each teacher sign a dress code slip that must be returned to student services at the end of the day.
- Students may be required to remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal discretion.
- May receive a discipline referral and receive consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the policy.

