

Pittsylvania County Schools

Middle & High School Dress Code

Effective 2019-2020

**The Administration reserves the right to determine appropriateness of dress.
The following dress code guidelines will apply to all students:**

- ❖ Shoes must be worn at all times on school grounds. Bedroom slippers are prohibited. Teachers may require a particular type of shoe for lab, shop, or gym activities.
- ❖ Head coverings of all types should be placed in lockers upon arriving at school. Hoods cannot be worn.
- ❖ Headbands or headwraps may not exceed a width of 2 inches.
- ❖ Bandanas are prohibited.
- ❖ Heavy chains, chains hanging from clothing, or spiked jewelry are prohibited.
- ❖ Sunglasses cannot be worn in the building.
- ❖ Headphones should be placed out of sight upon entering the building.
- ❖ Pajamas or sleepwear, costumes, or blankets are prohibited in the school building or on buses.
- ❖ Large or bulky coats/jackets are to be placed in lockers during the school day.
- ❖ Tops and dresses with no straps or straps of fewer than 2 inches in width are prohibited unless covered by a jacket or top.
- ❖ Tops or dresses that reveal bare midriffs or cleavage are not allowed.
- ❖ Shirts and tops with the back cut out are not permitted.
- ❖ Mesh or see-through clothing is prohibited.
- ❖ Tops with large openings for the arms or that are split below the arms are not permitted.
- ❖ Students are not to wear clothing with language, symbols or pictures that are offensive or suggestive, promote violence, are gang related, advertise illegal substances, or advertise tobacco or alcohol.
- ❖ All visible tattoos must meet the dress code and cannot include any language, symbols or pictures that are offensive or suggestive, promote violence, are gang related, advertise illegal substances or advertise tobacco or alcohol.
- ❖ Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses can be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee, both in the front and back.
- ❖ If tight-fitting pants, such as leggings, are worn, a dress or lengthy shirt that is no shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee, both in the front and back, must also be worn.
- ❖ Pants must be worn at the waist. No undergarments should be visible at any time.
- ❖ If holes are 4 inches above the knee in pants, leggings or shorts must be worn underneath with no visible skin.
- ❖ Athletes should not be in full uniform during the school day; uniform tops meeting the dress code may be worn. The following uniform tops will be prohibited: tops with straps of fewer than 2 inches in width; tops that reveal bare midriffs or cleavage; tops with the back cut out; mesh or see-through tops; and tops with large openings for the arms or that are split below the arms.
- ❖ Weapon-related attire is prohibited unless it is part of a school-sponsored club or activity.