

**PAHOKEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS
CODE
2021-2022**

- School is a student's place of learning and appropriate dress is **required**. The primary responsibility for the personal appearance of students rests with the students and parents. Parents are requested to play an active role in the enforcement of this policy. Students with continuous or flagrant violations of the dress code policy are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school according to District's policy.
- In Accordance with Florida State Law S.B.228: Undergarments shall not be visible (i.e. Bra straps, boxers, female undergarments, etc.), pants, skirts, and shorts must fit at the waistline not exposing undergarments.
- Articles of clothing, accessories, or any jewelry larger than a diameter that may cause injury are not appropriate for school.
- Clothing, jewelry, buttons, accessories, etc. with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, or insignia which are obscene, profane, racist, suggestive, or related to gangs, murder, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, or drug use are prohibited.
- Flags or national emblems are not allowed to be worn as articles of clothing. Clothing, jewelry, buttons, accessories, etc. which deface, alter or improperly display the national emblem are never permitted.

SHIRTS

- All shirts, blouses, and tops must be solid colored and have a collar and sleeves.
- All tops must cover the body to eliminate any exposure of cleavage or midriff.
- No tank tops, camisoles and/or spaghetti straps.
 - **NOTE:** Wearing a jacket or similar outer wear over inappropriate tops is not an acceptable alternative.
 - Only non-collared PMHS school and club shirts purchased from the school will be permitted.

BOTTOMS

- Docker style pants, skirts, shorts, skorts, and capris are acceptable.
- Dresses, skirts, skorts, or shorts must be at least knee length.
- Long dresses or skirts with slits to facilitate walking may not have a slit that is above the knee length standard.
- Roll-up, athletic, bicycle, or other similar tight fitting shorts, leggings/jeggings are prohibited.
- If a student continues to wear pants that do not stay on the natural waistline, the student will be subject to additional disciplinary consequences.
- Denim jeans are permitted on designated days (no rips, cuts, slits, frays or inappropriate designs).

HEADGEAR

- Hoods are never permitted to be worn on campus.
- Head coverings are not permitted on campus (unless they are required for safety or for specific programs). Examples of inappropriate headwear are: hats, caps, do-rags, headbands, visors, bandanas, stocking caps, etc.

- **NOTE:** Head coverings will ONLY be allowed when the weather is exceptionally cold (45 Degrees Fahrenheit, or wind chill factor or colder, or medically necessary as determined by a licensed physician).
- Curlers and other hair grooming aids/coverings (i.e picks/combs, scarfs, bonnets) are not permitted.

SHOES

Shoes are to be worn at all times. Flip-flops, open-toed/strapless shoes, bedroom slippers, beach shoes, shower shoes, and socks without shoes, are never acceptable per District dress code policy.

BACKPACKS

- Only clear or mesh backpacks or carrying bags will be permissible.
- Materials not meeting this standard are deemed as a potential safety hazard and will be confiscated by School Administration including School Police.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

- All students are required to wear a school identification badge at all times during school hours and on school grounds for safety (Parkland Douglas Act).
- The identification badge is considered part of the school dress and students must be in full dress code throughout the school day.
- Having an item with you, but not worn appropriately is a violation of the Pahokee Middle High School Dress Code Policy.
- Students are responsible for their identification badge and will be required to pay the replacement fee of \$5 if the badge is lost, stolen, or defaced/damaged and is the property of Pahokee Middle High School.

VIOLATORS OF THE DRESS CODE POLICY

Students that violate the dress code policy will be sent to ISS where parents will be contacted to bring in the proper school attire. Students that violate the dress code will also follow the following progressive discipline plan:

- 1st Dress Code violation – Warning - Telephone call home to parent.
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th Dress Code violation - Parent conference with administration –
- Discipline referral 5th Dress Code violation or more – Administrative Discipline referral (i.e. Insubordination, repetitive defiance).



District-Wide Student Dress Code
(FY21 Student and Family Handbook p. 17)

To help create the best learning environment for District students, the District-Wide Dress Code must be observed in all District schools. This Code provides a minimal district-wide dress code, which should apply even if a school implements a School Specific (Standard) School Dress Code or Higher Standard (Uniform) Dress Code as provided in this policy. Specifically, the following attire is unacceptable in District schools:

- i.** Attire with language or images that are crude, vulgar, profane, lewd/obscene, sexually explicit, or sexually suggestive.
- ii.** Attire with symbols, mottoes, words or acronyms that promotes illegal or violent conduct, such as gang symbols, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats.
- iii.** Attire associated with discrimination based on age, color, handicap, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, race, religion, or sex.
- iv.** Clothing traditionally designed, as undergarments, such as boxer shorts or sleepwear, may not be worn as outer garments.
- v.** Clothing that is sexually suggestive or revealing (examples include, but is not limited to, clothing which exposes the midriff, exposes one's undergarments, have plunging necklines, muscle tops, backless clothing, and are constructed of see-through materials).
- vi.** Attire that may be used as a weapon, including but not limited to, steel toed shoes; large, long, or heavy waist or other chains; studded or chained accessories; items with spikes; and other items deemed inappropriate by an individual school site.
- vii.** Articles of clothing that cause excessive maintenance problems for school property, such as, shoe cleats that scratch floors or tear rugs, trousers with metal rivets that scratch furniture, etc.
- viii.** Clothing which, because of fit, design, color, texture, inadequate coverage, or some other factor, creates classroom or school disorder or distract the attention of another student or students in any class in session from the lesson being presented or from any other assigned school activity, or which creates a safety or health hazard for any student in the school.
- ix.** Jewelry worn in a manner that presents a safety health hazard or causes a major disruption to the educational process. Examples may be chains hanging from the belt pocket or attached to the wallet.
- x.** Footwear that does not provide adequate protection or hygienic measures.