

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE
Board Policy 221 Review
June 19, 2024

A relaxed Dress Code was previously adopted by the PASD Board of Directors on July 14, 2021 and affirmed on June 8, 2022. 825 responses were submitted by students, families, and faculty/staff in the 2022 survey. 93.4% of respondents indicated they did not want to return to a more formal dress code. A vast majority of respondents stated more clothing options would be helpful to reduce the cost to families due to purchasing two sets of clothing.

The following Dress Code will be reviewed as necessary in the future:

1. Outerwear
 - No outerwear should be worn in the buildings (including jean jackets).
2. Tops
 - School appropriate logos are permitted.
 - Hooded sweatshirts are allowed to be worn, but hoods are not to be worn over the head.
 - Tops cannot be sheer or sleeveless.
 - No crop tops are permitted. (There should be no gap between a student's shirt/sweatshirt/sweater and pants/shorts/skirts.)
3. Bottoms
 - While a student is standing and arms extended straight down, the length of a student's shorts, skirt, or dress must be below the fingertips. No tears or rips in any clothing if above the fingertip length.
 - Cargo pockets are not permitted.
4. Shoes
 - Closed toe and heel for students at JSC (due to stairs and playground)
 - No bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels are permitted in any building.
 - No heels greater than 2 inches high are allowed in any building.

5. Other

- Clothing that references drugs, alcohol, sex, or gangs is prohibited.
- Jewelry and belts that could be dangerous, such as wallet chains, dog collars, spiked necklaces, spiked bracelets, spiked belts, spiked earrings, or jewelry/belts that contain studs or rivets are prohibited.
- Students are not permitted to wear headgear of any type (with the exception of barrettes, or accessorized headbands or religious wear) including but not limited to hats, bandanas, hair picks, sweatbands, and hoods.
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in the buildings unless required by a medical doctor.
- Accessories or piercings deemed to be dangerous, distracting, disruptive, or offensive in nature are prohibited.
- Tattoos that are deemed by administration to be offensive or vulgar, contain sexual references, or are likely to lead to substantial disruption or distraction to the educational process in school are not permitted.
- No excessively loose or tight-fitting clothing.

6. Consequences

- First violation - warning and change to appropriate clothing
- Second violation - recess, lunch, or after-school detention and change to appropriate clothing
- Third violation – after-school detention or in-school-suspension and change to appropriate clothing
- Refusal to adhere to the dress code may result in further disciplinary consequences as determined by building administration.