



PENNSAUKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Burling Alternative School

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Hello Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to kick off the 2025-26 school year at Burling School. On behalf of the Board of Education and I, we extend a warm welcome to our students who will be joining the Burling School Family. Burling School exists to create a community that craves learning, fosters resiliency, and cares deeply for every child. We benefit from an invested Board of Education, talented administrators and staff, and outstanding students. Burling School consists of grades 6 through 12 where students can utilize positive behavior systems in order to grow emotionally, socially, and academically in their educational career. Burling School is unique in that it offers students a chance to utilize a credit recovery model in order to meet graduation requirements and possibly attain secondary credits. As with the start of any school year, it is important that we share any updates and reminders with families

Pennsauken School Uniform Policy:

Tops:

- Navy blue or red polo shirts (long or short sleeves) **MUST** be worn by ALL students. For warmth, short or long sleeved t-shirt or sweatshirt may be worn **UNDER** the uniform shirt. The official Pennsauken School logo or approved athletic / club logo must appear on all shirts.
- Students may wear a blue or red sweatshirt (crew neck or hooded) with the approved Pennsauken School Logo or approved athletic / club logo.

Bottoms:

- Tan khaki / navy blue khaki
- Tan khaki / navy blue shorts: NOTE shorts should be no more than 4 inches above the knee
- Tan khaki / navy blue skirts. The skirt must be no more than 4 inches above the knee. The skirt must not be altered in any way that would change the intended appearance of the skirt. No cut off shorts or skirts.

These styles and fabrics are **NOT** permitted and are deemed a violation of the dress code of Pennsauken School:

- The only clothing students may wear over their Pennsauken School uniform is a **NAVY BLUE CARDIGAN (PHS or PMS LOGO)**

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- Any logo/label/picture etc. on the outer garment other than the approved Pennsauken School logo or approved athletic / club logo.
- Pants, “short” shorts, skirts, in any color other than tan khaki and navy blue.
- Denim, fleece, spandex, rain/snow gear, jeggings, leggings, other athletic garments or any other tight fitting bottoms
- Hooded clothing other than the approved red or blue with PHS or PMS logo.
- Blue or red t-shirts worn as a uniform shirt
- Torn, decorated shirts or bottoms
- No head covering, that includes but not limited to: hats, headbands(unless school approved), bandanas, hoods, ski masks, scarves, shower caps, bonnet, (Head apparel as part of religious expression or medical reasons supported by verifiable documentation is permitted.)
- No open-toed shoes

Dress Code Violation

- First Offense: Attempts will be made to resolve the problem through change of clothing. Failure to resolve by change of clothing will result in the student being referred to the alternative education room.
 - Second Offense: Alternative Education for the day and detention.
 - Third Offense and all Subsequent Offenses Alternative Education for the day and 1 Day out of school suspension
- All students must pass through security to be admitted into school for the day (phones must be stored in phone locker)

We hope that you have a wonderful rest of the summer and we thank you for your support for our Pennsauken Public School Students in Burling School. Together through parent involvement and individual educational motivation, we can give our students the education they need for academic and/or career opportunities when they graduate from Pennsauken Public Schools. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or concerns at (856) 662-1923.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael McCoach
Principal

