

Student Dress Code Administrative Regulation JCDB-R

The Paulding County School Board and administration acknowledge that good grooming and personal attire positively affect student achievement and conduct while helping prepare all students for later success in the world of work. This dress code was developed through the direction of the superintendent and with the cooperation of parents, students, teachers, and administrators.

This dress code is designed to reduce the likelihood of distraction or disruption and to maintain an academic focus in the classroom and on campus. The administration reserves the right to determine if items of clothing are too casual, too revealing, or too distracting for school dress.

Approved for School Wear

Pants and Shorts

- Length must be appropriate. Shorts must come to at least mid-thigh;
- Shorts and pants must be sized appropriately.

Skirts and Dresses

- Skirts must be size appropriate and be worn at the natural waistline;
- Shoulder straps must be at least 2” in width and arm holes must be tight fitting;
- Length must be appropriate (at least mid-thigh);
- Slits in skirts cannot be above mid-thigh.

Shirts and Blouses

- Must be appropriate size
- Long or short sleeved, dress shirt, polo type, sleeveless with appropriate, tight-fitting armholes (no halter tops, no spaghetti straps.) For tank tops, the shoulder straps must be at least 2” in width;
- Must have no writing, pictures, or graphics that unreasonably attract the attention of other students or cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school (e.g., vulgarity, sexual innuendo);
- Shirt tails must come to the natural waistline.

Shoes

- All students must wear appropriate shoes (for example: dress, tennis, flip-flops, clogs).

Not Approved for School Wear

- No holes, frays, rips, or tears, which are revealing or inappropriate, above the mid-thigh;
- See-through clothing;
- Sleeveless shirts, blouses, without appropriate (tight-fitting) armholes;
- Deep-scooped necklines;
- Clothing that shows the bare midriff, bare back or the bare shoulders;
- Pajamas, bedroom shoes, or other sleepwear;
- Articles of clothing which advertise or display the symbols of drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages;
- Clothing which may be considered racially insensitive or which displays or implies profane or obscene language or symbols;
- Emblems, insignias, badges, tattoos, or other symbols where the effect thereof is to unreasonably attract the attention of other students or cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school;
- For middle school, head gear is prohibited and must be kept out of sight on the school campus during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, wave caps, sweatbands, sunglasses, or any other head covering. No combs, rakes, curlers, or picks can be worn in the hair. Exceptions for religious or medical reasons to be granted by the principal.
- For high school, this regulation may vary. Headwear of any kind that obscures a student's face or identity will not be permitted. Any headwear of any kind that is deemed by school administration as a distraction or interfering with a teacher's ability to engage, teach and/or communicate with students will not be permitted. Exceptions for religious or medical reasons to be granted by the principal.
- Chains hanging from wallets or clothing;
- Exposure of undergarments of any type;
- Display or wearing of any gang articles, paraphernalia or clothing that can be construed as being gang related (e.g., bandanas, sweat bands, head rags, etc.).
- Jewelry that is offensive, distracts, or is studded or pointed out is unacceptable. Heavy chains are not allowed.

Notes:

Local schools may also establish student dress requirements that include school uniforms. School uniform proposals must be reviewed by

the Operations Department and Board of Education attorney prior to approval by the Associate Superintendent.

Athletic and other extracurricular uniforms for school related activities are acceptable as approved by the school administration. Female cheerleaders must wear warm-ups under cheerleading uniforms except during games and pep rallies.

The school administration reserves the right to alter the dress code for special occasions or extracurricular activities. Parents who require an exemption from the dress code for religious, cultural, or short-term medical reasons may make application to the principal.

This dress code regulation may be modified by the principal at grades K-5.