

# PIERCE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Please take a few minutes to read these Board Approved items with your child and initial beside each to demonstrate your acknowledgment.

## Attendance Policy

Parent Initial

Georgia law requires that parents or guardians have children under 16 years of age in attendance at school each day school is in session. **Students should not miss more than ten (10) days of school each year. Pierce County Middle School policy is that students in grades 6-8 who are absent from the same class more than 10 times during a school year may risk being retained when attendance is considered with other factors outlined in school policy.** Regular and punctual attendance is necessary for success in school. Repeated tardies, checkouts, and absences may cause a student to become discouraged and bring about failure in school. Being tardy or checking out early will result in an absence for the class(es) missed. Early checkouts cause multiple interruptions in the classroom and also lead to traffic problems. **No check outs after 2:45 unless an emergency occurs or prior appointment with documentation.**

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## Tardy Procedures

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1. When a student accumulates four (4) tardies, the administrative team will assign lunch detention.
2. When a student accumulates five (5) tardies, the administrative team will create a discipline referral in Infinite Campus. The student will be assigned one (1) day of ISS.
3. For each tardy accumulated after the 5<sup>th</sup> tardy, the student will be assigned one day of ISS each time.
4. This process will start over each nine weeks grading period.

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## Cell Phone/Smart Watch Procedures

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**Cell Phones/Smart Watch (HB 340 & BOE Approval)**

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**Students are not permitted to access personal electronic devices while on school premises during school hours (7:30 – 3:30). No device can be kept on a student's body, in a lunch box, or in his/her clothing. Pierce County Middle School will assume NO liability for lost, misplaced, or stolen items. The following tier is in place for students who violate this policy:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Cell phone/Smart Watch sent to the front office and a parent must pick up the item.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Cell phone/S.W. sent to the front office. The student will pay \$5 and a parent must pick up the item after 3 days and the student will serve 1 day of ISS.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Cell phone/S.W. sent to the front office. The student will pay \$5 and a parent must pick up the item after 5 days and the student will serve 2 days of ISS.

**Recurring Offenses – Repeat Step 3 and mandatory conference with administration before the student is allowed to return to class.**

### **Dress Code Policy**

Dress code violations will be handled through the administrative team in accordance with the discipline policy. Students who come to school dressed inappropriately must change clothes to meet the school dress code before returning to class. This will require the student to call home or select clothing from the clothes closet at PCMS. If there is no resolution, the student will be placed in ISS for the day. **Repeated violations of dress code will result in the student not being allowed to wear the clothing which continues to result in a dress code violation. This will be enforced.**

- Shorts, dresses, and/or skirts can be no more than **three inches above the knee.**
- **Leggings are NOT allowed.** Skin-tight pants, such as jeggings, leggings, yoga pants, or flare-legged yoga/leggings, etc. may not be worn at PCMS. Undergarments should not be visible at any time.
- **NO** pants and/or jeans may be worn that are ripped, torn, or frayed where skin and/or undergarments may be exposed **above the knee cap.**
- **NO** sheer apparel, bare midriffs and/or backs, low necklines, strapless tanks, tank tops, or spaghetti straps allowed.
- **NO** tinting, streaking, or dying of hair other than natural hair color (blonde, brunette, black, auburn). Unnatural hair colors include the following: blue, green, purple, pink, burgundy, etc.
- Hair must be worn appropriately so as not to interfere with students' vision or the teachers' and/or administrators' ability to maintain eye contact.
- Athletic jerseys must have a shirt worn underneath.
- Belts must be buckled and pants must cover undergarments & be worn securely at hips/waist.
- **NO** hoods, hats, caps, bandanas, sports headbands, or any head covering can be worn on school campus unless for religious or medical purposes except when approved by admin.
- **NO** gloves or sunglasses can be worn on the school campus.
- **NO** chokers or bracelets that could be harmful can be worn on school campus.
- **NO** large, long, and/or heavy chains, studded or chained accessories, or sleepwear, including bedroom slippers.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- **NO** clothing or other displays of suggestive, sexual, or profane wording, symbols, or advertising of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal products will be permitted. This also applies to the advertising of non-sanctioned groups and organizations, death, or violence (blood, weapons, etc.).
- **NO** gang-related markings or tattoos are permitted. **Visible drawings/markings are not permitted on student's skin (markers, makeup, etc.); including the use of excessive eye makeup.**
- **NO** clothing that suggests gang affiliation or racially offensive subject matter.
- **NO** visible body piercing (other than the ears) will be allowed. **NO** nose piercing, tongue piercing, or other facial piercings are allowed. Cosmetic alterations that are detrimental to the educational environment or the health and safety of the student or other students are prohibited. **Band-aids, facemasks, or any type of covering worn to conceal a nose ring or any other facial piercing is not allowed.**

### **Water Bottle & Beverage Policy**

Water fountains are provided for student use; however, if a student has a medical reason and needs to bring a water bottle, it must be **CLEAR** with water only. Students may only drink from a water bottle during designated and identified times in the school day in order to limit disruptions in the classroom and maintain a focused learning environment.

Students **are not** permitted to bring energy drinks to school.

**\*For student-athletes, please remember the best time to hydrate is at night.**

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