

DRESS CODE

STUDENT MANDATORY DRESS POLICY

The Philadelphia Public School District's Board of Trustees has defined the minimum standards of dress and grooming which will be acceptable for students throughout the school district. The following is a description of the clothing that students shall wear while attending all schools within the Philadelphia Public School District. Every effort has been made to be as specific as possible concerning the acceptable styles and colors of clothing to be included in the dress code. When selecting your child's clothing for school, you are encouraged to purchase only those items that are within the dress code guidelines as listed below. If you have questions concerning a certain style or color of clothing, you are encouraged to contact your child's school principal for clarification before you make your purchase.

NOTE: Alternative School students are required to follow the Alternative School's Dress Code

<u>CLOTHING CATEGORY</u>	<u>SOLID COLORS ALLOWED PER CATEGORY</u>					
	RED	KHAKI	WHITE	BLACK	BROWN	GREY
PANTS		X		X		
SHIRTS	X		X	X		X
UNDERSHIRT (T-SHIRT)	X		X	X		X
BELTS	X	X	X	X	X	
JUMPERS/SKIRTS		X		X		
SOCKS	X		X	X		X
SHOES (SNEAKER STYLE)			X	X		X
SHOES (DRESS STYLE)				X	X	
SWEATSHIRTS / SWEATERS	X		X	X		X
SHORTS OR SKORTS		X		X		
JACKETS	X		X	X		X
RAIN GEAR	See Rain Gear					
Note: BLACK shirts, sweatshirts or sweaters <u>shall not</u> be worn with black slacks, pants, jumpers, skirts, skorts, or shorts at any time. NO BLACK ON BLACK CLOTHING SHALL BE WORN, EXCLUDING JACKETS ONLY.						

NOTE: No item of clothing can contain any form of advertising other than approved logos.

ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING TYPES

TYPE	STYLE	FABRIC	SPECIFICATIONS
SLACKS/PANTS	Dress or Dockers	Cotton or Twill	<p>Slacks/Pants/Capri's must be fitted at waist, cuffed or uncuffed, pleated or unpleated (with or without the elastic).</p> <p>Denim, cargo pants, pants made of stretch fabric, bell bottoms, pedal pushers, flare bottoms, parachute pants, wind pants, zip-off pants, corduroy, or carpenter pants shall not be worn.</p> <p>If the slacks/pants being worn are fitted with belt loops, then a belt must be worn inside the belt loops.</p>
SHIRTS	Polo or Oxford	Cotton or Poly Blend	<p>All shirts must be fitted with buttons and buttonholes.</p> <p>Shirts can be either long or short sleeve in length, and must be long enough to be worn and stay tucked in.</p> <p>No fitted shirts, no "crop tops", no hook & eye, no snaps, no zipper types allowed.</p>
UNDERSHIRT	T-shirt	Cotton or Poly blend	<p>Undershirts can be short or long sleeve, and must be worn tucked in.</p>
BELTS	Plain	Leather or Cloth	<p>All belts must have either its original buckle, or a plain, simple buckle.</p> <p>Bulky or decorative belt buckles are not allowed.</p> <p>If pants or shorts being worn are fitted with belt loops, a belt must be worn inside the belt loops.</p>
JUMPERS/SKIRTS	Box pleat, Knife Pleat, Kilt style, or plain	Cotton or Twill	<p>Jumpers/skirts must be finger-tip length or longer above the top of the knee.</p> <p>Jumpers must be either V-neck or round neck type.</p> <p>Jumpers/skirts must not have slits cut above knee</p>
SOCKS	Any Solid School Color	Cotton or Poly blend	<p>Socks must be worn at all times as deemed appropriate. Girls may wear appropriate hose.</p>
SHOES	Closed toed loafer or Athletic shoe		<p>Flip-flops, sandals, cleated shoes, skate shoes, heels, or house slippers are not allowed.</p> <p>Shoes fitted with laces or straps must be tied or fastened properly. Shoe laces must be the same solid school color for both shoes.</p> <p>Accents will be allowed, but must be a solid school color.</p>
SWEATERS	With or without zippers		<p>Sweaters must be long sleeved and not worn tied around waist, shoulders, or other body parts.</p> <p>Cardigan-button up, pullover-scoop, or v-neck type</p> <p>The proper uniform style shirt must be worn underneath the sweater, and be visible at the neck.</p>

SWEATSHIRTS/ VESTS	With or without zippers		Sweatshirts or vests must be solid school colors. A uniform shirt must be worn underneath the sweatshirt. Sweatshirts are not to be worn tied around the waist, shoulders, or other body parts. No hoods shall be worn on the head inside buildings.
TYPE	STYLE	FABRIC	SPECIFICATIONS
JACKETS/COATS	All Jackets must be long sleeved and open completely down the front		All jackets must be a solid school approved color, i.e. RED, WHITE, BLACK or GREY. The jackets may have accents or trim in a solid school color only. Jackets/coats must be worn properly and not tied around the waist, shoulders, or other body parts. No Trench type coats will be allowed. Jackets/coats must not be longer than knee length. Shirts must be worn underneath the jacket/coat. No hoods shall be worn on the head inside buildings.
SHORTS, SKORTS	Plain	Cotton or Twill	Shorts or skorts must be fitted at the waist, cuffed or uncuffed, pleated or unpleated (with or without elastic). Denim, cargo shorts, shorts made of stretch fabric, corduroy, or carpenter shorts shall not be worn. If the shorts or skorts being worn are fitted with belt loops, then a belt must be worn inside the belt loops. Shorts or skorts must be finger-tip length or longer, and contain no frayed edges.
RAIN GEAR			Rain gear shall only be worn outside during rainy weather.

ACCEPTABLE LOGOS/BRAND NAME LABELS

SHIRTS	Logo is allowed, but limited to name of school, mascot, school club, or a combination of the above. Logo is not to exceed the normal pocket (4 x 5 inches) size and limited to the following areas: shirt pocket, collar, or sleeve. No visible manufacture's logo shall be allowed.
SWEATSHIRTS / SWEATERS	Logo is allowed, but limited to name of school, mascot, school club, or a combination of the above. Small manufacturer's logo only will also be allowed. Absolutely no banner type logos across front or back of sweatshirts / sweaters.
JACKETS	Logo is allowed, but limited to name of school, mascot, school club, or a combination of the above. Small manufacturer's logo only will also be allowed. Absolutely no banner type logos across front or back of jacket.
PANTS, SLACKS, JUMPERS, SHORTS, SKORTS, OR SKIRTS	Logo is allowed, but limited to name of school, mascot, school club, or a combination of the above. Small manufacturer's logo only will also be allowed.

NOTE: No color or appearance alterations to clothing may be made except to remove logos and/or trademarks.

OTHER SPECIFIC MANDATORY DRESS CODE RULES

In addition to the district clothing requirements, students are expected to follow minimum standards of personal hygiene and appearance at all times. Students violating the regulations contained herein shall be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action.

- A. Visible body piercing (other than ears) not allowed. This includes tongue piercing, etc.
- B. No ripped, ragged, cut-offs, or torn clothing is allowed.
- C. Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times.
- D. No heavy chains, studded or spiked apparel is allowed.
- E. Only approved footwear shall be worn, including socks, stockings or hose.
- F. Midriffs shall not be exposed.
- G. Cleanliness of dress, body and hair is mandatory.
- H. Hats, caps, sweatbands or other forms of headwear shall not be worn at school during school hours. Jacket or sweatshirt hoods are allowed, but shall not be worn inside the school buildings at any time.
- I. Sunglasses shall not be worn, unless accompanied by a medical note from a doctor.
- J. Oversized or undersized clothing that is noticeably above or below the normal size shall not be worn.
- K. No "sagging" and/or "low-riding" clothing shall be allowed.
- L. Undersized or tight fitting clothing shall not be worn.
- M. Natural hair color only will be permitted. (Example: blonde, brunette, black, red, etc.)
- N. No disruptive hairstyles or accessories (Spiked hair, logo cuts, Mohawks, Oversized Afros, etc.)
- O. Shirts shall be buttoned and tucked in at all times during school hours.
- P. Clothing, apparel, or jewelry associated with or depicting gangs, witchcraft, Neo-Nazism, cults, Satanism, sexual or drug related activities, etc. will not be allowed.
- Q. Students shall not wear leggings that are visible when wearing shorts, skorts, or skirts.
- R. Clothing or appearance styles viewed as a distraction by the principal will not be allowed.
- S. At the principal's discretion, school organizations may be allowed to wear the appropriate organizational uniform only on designated days.
- T. At the principal's discretion, clubs, athletics etc. may be allowed to deviate from the dress code to participate in special events, i.e. pep rally, field trip, school picture day, etc.

NOTE: Under special circumstances only, decisions concerning the mandatory dress code shall be left to the discretion of the principal, i.e. special needs children accommodation, medical excuse, etc.