
Type:	Policy
Descriptor Code:	JCDB
Title:	Student Dress Code
Status:	ADOPTED

Students in the Pelham City Schools Charter System are expected to follow good hygiene rules and to wear attire that adheres to acceptable norms for school, college, and careers. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Hair will be clean and neat and not styled in a distracting manner. Students will wear their hair so that it does not obstruct the face.
2. Students will wear shoes or other appropriate footwear.
3. No midriff will be shown.
4. Tank tops and see-through blouses or shirts are not authorized. Sleeveless blouses may be worn as long as the armpit area is well fitted.
5. Appropriate foundation garments will be worn.
6. Clothing will not display offensive pictures or slogans. Clothing including buttons, stickers, etc., will not advertise nor advocate the use of drugs or alcohol.
7. Hats will not be allowed on campus unless approved by an administrator.
8. Sunglasses are not to be worn except prescription glasses when ordered by a doctor.
9. Students are permitted to wear walking shorts which come no shorter than three (3) inches above the kneecap.
10. Mini-skirts will not be worn. Mini-skirts are defined as those skirts that go to mid-thigh when the student is seated.
11. Tight or clinging clothing or clothing with deep splits, cuts, or tears that reveal the body or undergarments will not be worn.
12. Pants or shorts will not be allowed to sag. Belts, when worn, will be kept fastened at all times. Underwear will not be visible.
13. Leggings may be worn with loose fitting shirts that cover the entire buttocks and may also be worn under pants, shirts, shorts, dresses, and jumpers that meet the dress code requirement of Pelham City Schools Charter System.

All of the above standards are subject to interpretation of the administration. Students not adhering to the above will be required to make necessary changes. The administration and faculty of the Pelham City Schools desire to provide a pleasant learning atmosphere for all students. The above standards will help prevent

unnecessary and unreasonable distractions from classroom instruction.

The above referenced standards will also be applicable to the uniform policy.

The following guidelines identify the uniform standards for Pelham City Middle School and Pelham Elementary School. These guidelines will be strictly enforced and interpreted by the school administration. School uniforms may be purchased through any vendor as long as the attached guidelines are followed.

Pelham City Schools K – 8 Dress Code Guidelines

Dress Code Styles/Color:

The following clothing styles will be considered appropriate:

1. Solid navy blue or khaki bottoms (pants, skirts, capris, jumpers/dresses, shorts – no more than three inches above the kneecap);
2. Solid white, blue, or yellow/gold collared polo style shirts or any school spirit shirt.

Uniform Appearance:

1. Polo style shirts may have a school insignia.
2. No cleavage should be visible;
3. **No denim**, knit pants, jogging/sweatpants or wind suit pants, or leggings will be worn;
4. Tight or clinging clothes will not be worn;
5. Uniforms must be worn at the natural waist. They cannot be poorly fitted or oversized and baggy, so as to allow sagging of the pants. Belts must be worn, if needed. If belts have buckles, they must not be oversized or have any writing that is considered offensive.

Accessories:

1. Shoes or other appropriate footwear will be worn. No flip-flops, bedroom/shower shoes, sports sandals or backless shoes will be allowed.
2. No manner of clothing, jewelry, button, or pin may display drugs, cigarettes, sexually suggestive items, alcohol, profanity, gang related logos or messages, or pictures or words that are determined to be distracting or demeaning to others by the school's administrators;
3. Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, and other head coverings are not permitted inside the building, unless approved by administration;
4. Tattoos and body piercings are not permitted to be visible at school. At school, students may not wear items such as nose rings, nose pins, tongue rings, tongue pins, or any jewelry to accessorize facial or body piercing (this excludes earrings);
5. Extreme color/hairstyles, make-up, etc. must not be distracting, immodest, inflammatory, or offensive. The hairstyle must not cover the eyes or face;
6. Chains, wallet chains, and spiked jewelry are not allowed on campus or school related activities;
7. A student shall not wear or use emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols which are likely to distract the attention of other students in the classroom, cause disruptions or interference with the operation of the school, or violate health and safety standards of the school. No clothing shall be worn which displays messages that are profane, vulgar, lewd, indecent or sexually suggestive, or

which contains alcohol, tobacco or drug advertisements, or which advocates criminal activity.

Dress Down Days:

School administrators will be permitted to allow "Dress Down Days" for incentive purposes. The following guidelines apply:

1. When designated by the school administration, students may wear any appropriate clothing of their choice (as long as it is in accordance with items 1-13 of the district dress code).
2. Clothes with deep slits, cuts, and/or tears, will not be worn.
3. Students may wear **blue** jeans without slits or holes (no skin showing);

The Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to address non-compliance of the dress code policy by implementing consequences at the school level through the student code of conduct.

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