

RELAXED DRESS CODE
2021-2022
Board Approved July 14, 2021

Students **are permitted** to wear a school appropriate non-collared shirt during school hours. Crewneck sweatshirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts and sweaters are still permitted as well. **Hooded sweatshirts are still not permitted.**

Students must wear dress code appropriate bottoms. Athletic shorts or pants are not permitted during the school day.

The Dress Code was previously adopted by the PASD Board of Directors on June 6, 2018.

1. Outerwear
 - No outerwear should be worn in the buildings (including jean jackets).
 - No hoodies. If a student wears a hoodie as a jacket, he/she must remove it as soon as they enter the building.
2. Tops
 - Any color or pattern
 - Logos are permitted.
 - Tops cannot be sheer or sleeveless.
3. Bottoms
 - Any color denim or khakis.
 - Shorts, skirts worn to the knee and dresses worn to the knee
 - Leggings can be worn under a skirt or dress as long as the skirt or dress comes to the knees.
 - No cargo pockets
4. Shoes
 - Closed toe and heel for students at JSC (due to stairs and playground)
 - No bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels are permitted in any building.
 - No heels greater than 2 inches high are allowed in any building.
5. Piercings
 - All gauges in ears must be plugged.
6. Other
 - Clothing that references drugs, alcohol, sex or gangs is prohibited.
 - Jewelry and belts that could be dangerous, such as wallet chains, dog collars, spiked necklaces, spiked bracelets, spiked belts, spiked earrings, or jewelry/belts that contain studs or rivets are prohibited.
 - Students are not permitted to wear headgear of any type (with the exception of barrettes, or accessorized headbands or religious wear) including but not limited to hats, bandanas, hair picks, sweatbands and hoods.
 - Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in the buildings unless required by a medical doctor.

- Accessories or piercings deemed to be dangerous, distracting, disruptive or offensive in nature are prohibited.
- Tattoos that are deemed by administration to be offensive or vulgar, contain sexual references or are likely to lead to substantial disruption or distraction to the educational process in school are not permitted.
- No tears or rips in any clothing.
- No excessively loose or tight-fitting clothing.
- On pre-approved days by school administration, school spirit wear may be worn. PASD sports jerseys may be worn on game days or approved days at the discretion of the administration.
- Specialized Education Settings/Physical Education Classes: Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.

7. Consequences

- First violation-warning and change to appropriate clothing
- Second violation-detention and change to appropriate clothing (JSC recess detention)
- Third violation-in school suspension and change to appropriate clothing (JSC after school detention)
- Refusal to adhere to the dress code may result in further disciplinary consequences as determined by building administration.

Opt-Out Procedure:

New Enrollment:

Upon enrollment in the Pottsville Area School District, students who are new to the district will be granted a grace period of one (1) week before being required to conform to the dress policy.

Medical or Religious Exemption:

Parents or legal guardians who object to the policy based on religious or medical grounds must present to the building principal a signed letter detailing the reason for the objection. The parent or legal guardian and the building principal will meet to discuss the exemption. Requests for this exemption must be submitted annually.