



What Not to Wear: A Guide to Perry Middle School's Dress Code Policy

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Welcome to our Panther Family!

Dear Families,

While you are enjoying the summer months and relaxed pace, we want to assist you with planning your student(s) wardrobe for the upcoming year. At Perry Middle School, our mission is to “motivate, educate, and promote lifelong learning. In order to do that, we try to minimize any distractions that may lead to the disruption of learning. This PowerPoint was created to help guide you as you begin the task of back to school shopping. Please reach out to one of our administrators if you have any questions. We are so glad to have you here and look forward to a wonderful and successful school year!

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Why a dress code?

Perry Middle School's dress code policy, in conjunction with the Houston County Board of Education's dress code policy, is designed to create a certain atmosphere in a school while providing students with a bit of freedom of expression through their wardrobe.

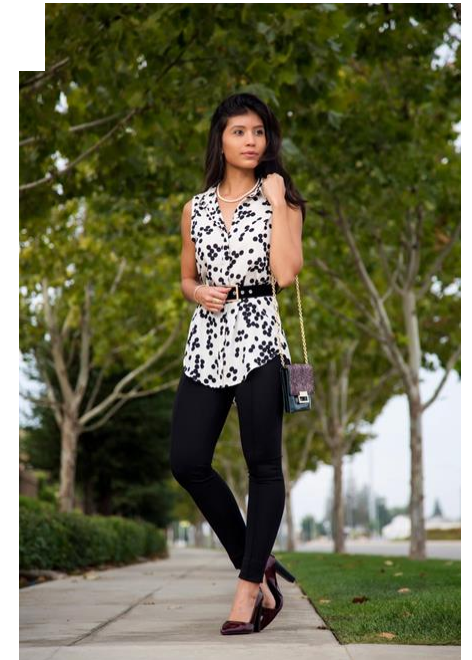
And yet, while many parents applaud the demand of school dress codes as a way to ensure that their children are dressed properly, others question whether the requirement of dress codes in school eliminates their child's individualism.

Experts
agree that
there are many
benefits of
school dress
codes.

- ▶ Here are some of the most important advantages:
 - ▶ 1) A dress code promotes a more serious school atmosphere which **emphasizes academics** and **promotes good behavior**.
 - ▶ Dress codes have proven to **increase student achievement** by encouraging students to **concentrate more** on their studies and less on their wardrobe. A de-emphasis on clothing can also **save money**, as there will be less pressure to keep up with expensive trends and fashions.
 - ▶ Dress codes in school settings **reduce social conflict and peer pressure** that may be associated with appearance.
 - ▶ As opposed to uniforms, dress codes still allow students to wear what they want which leaves students with **a sense of choice and expression**.
 - ▶ School dress codes are a way to teach students the **importance of a respectable appearance** which is a lesson that can positively **impact their self-respect and self-esteem**.

Leggings Jeggings, Yoga Pants, Tights, and Compression Shorts

Students are allowed to wear leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, and compression shorts, but the requirement is that there is something on top of them that reaches AT LEAST mid-thigh. The examples on this page are all examples of reasons your child may be asked to call home. In other words, these examples DO NOT meet the dress code requirement here at Perry Middle School. This rule is enforced for both male and female students.



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Here are the expectations for students when wearing leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, tights, or compression shorts. As you can see in all the examples, each student has something on top that reaches at least mid-thigh length.



Jeans with Holes

At Perry Middle School, we understand that current fashion trends in jeans have changed over time and that jeans with holes are commonplace. However, in order to operate a school where instruction is the emphasis, jeans with excessive holes, jeans with skin showing above the knee, and jeans with very large holes are NOT acceptable for wear. All of the examples on this page will result in a student having to call home for a change of clothes.



Large holes and Skin Showing

Jeans with holes above the knee with skin showing; also, the holes are too large. Holes must be fist size and no more than two.



Excessive holes and Skin Showing

Too many holes; two fists could not cover them all at one time. Also, skin is showing above the knee.



Large holes

Even with tights, the size of the holes make these pants out of dress code.

Jeans with Holes

If you are going to buy jeans with holes, please understand the following:

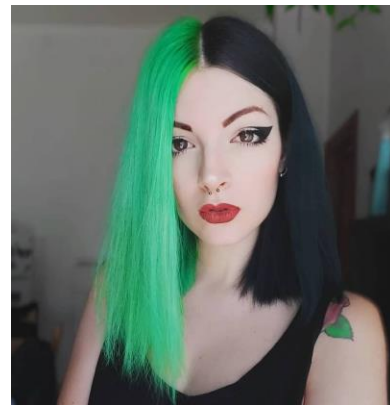
- ▶ There can be no more than two holes above the knee. Those two holes must be the size of your student's fist.
- ▶ No skin above the knee should be showing. If you have two small holes or less, tights, leggings, or compression shorts/pants must be worn underneath the jeans.
- ▶ Jeans with holes only at the knee are acceptable and do not need undergarments.

The following examples are acceptable for wear.



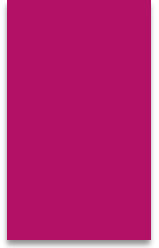
Hair Color

Students should refrain from incorporating unnatural hair colors into their hair (e.g., blue, pink, green, purple, etc.). This includes by means of dyeing the hair or installing hair extensions (wigs, braids, clip-ins, etc.). The examples on this page are unacceptable and a student will need to meet with an administrator concerning removal.



Hair Color

Here are acceptable hair colors that will meet the dress code requirement. Varying shades of these colors are usually acceptable as well. If you are unsure of a color, call and ask an administrator.



Bandanas

▶ Bandanas are not to be worn on the head or hang out of pants pockets at school. Bandanas should be always kept at home. This rule applies to males and females.





Hoodies, Visors, and Baseball Caps

▶ Hoodies, visors, and baseball caps are allowed at Perry Middle School. However, hoodies and hats/caps should not be worn on the head while in the building.



Length of Shorts and Skirts

► Please be advised that all shorts and skirts must be knee length. The only exception would be if they are on top of leggings, tights, or compression shorts/pants AND hit mid-thigh on the student. Shorts on this page are too short and would not be appropriate for wear here at Perry Middle School. This rule is for male and female students.

Appropriate Length of Shorts and Skirts

The following examples depict shorts that are the acceptable length to meet dress code standards.

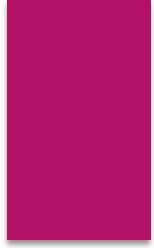


**The holes are acceptable because they are at the knee.

Other Unacceptable Forms of Dress

Please have your student(s) refrain from wearing any of the following garments or styles while attending Perry Middle School.

1. Pajamas (unless Dr. Burch announces a Pajama Day).
2. Bedroom slippers
3. Undershirts/"Wife Beaters" (unless under a regular shirt)
4. Shirts or dresses with spaghetti straps
5. Half shirts or halter tops
6. Sagging pants





Questions? Comments? Concerns?

PLEASE REACH OUT TO AN ADMINISTRATOR IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU BUY OR DYE!!!

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SEE YOU SOON!