

PERRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

APPEARANCE/DRESS CODE

The purpose of this dress code is to help ensure student safety and to remove any barriers or distractions to the learning process. Schools are educational institutions, and no extreme form of personal appearance will be allowed to interfere with the educational process. School authorities may limit or prohibit any extreme type or style of student dress, personal appearance, or use of wearing apparel, which, in the judgment of school officials, is deemed to create a disruption of school discipline and routine. Good personal appearance is conducive to a positive learning environment. This dress code promotes proper grooming and hygiene, instills discipline, prevents disruption, conforms to safety guidelines, and teaches respect for authority. Proper dress by students and staff is expected at all times. All individuals are to come to school clean and neatly dressed. Apparel must meet with health and safety codes, be in good repair, and must not interfere with the educational process.

- No shoes with cleats or nails, no boot with spurs, or shoes with wheels (skate shoes)
- No bare feet.
- Any article of clothing, jewelry, body decoration, or hairstyle extreme enough to create distraction or disturb the normal routine of school shall be deemed inappropriate.
- No tops or dresses that are halter, spaghetti straps, strapless, one-shoulder, low cut, or bare midriffs.
- Length of skirts, shorts, and dresses must be at the student's fingertips or below with the student in a fully upright standing position.
- No hats, caps, or bandannas are allowed unless they are part of an approved educational activity.
- Shirts must cover the body to the waist and must come to the edge of the shoulder.
- No articles of clothing with wording, pictures, symbols, or graphics that, either implied or suggested, contain inappropriate language, violence, obscene or sexual connotations, alcohol, narcotics, firearms, or tobacco messages.
- Pants shall not be excessively long to cause a safety hazard.
- No undergarments may be exposed.
- Dark glasses, unless prescribed by a physician, are prohibited inside the building.
- Any accessory that can be used as a weapon (chains, studded items, pins, etc.) or cause harm to self or injury to others shall not be permitted.
- Any accessory or clothing article, deemed gang related, as determined by the administration is prohibited.
- Tattoos that are vulgar or that display items related to drugs, alcohol, or gang symbols, or that are racially or sexually offensive are to be covered and non-visible at all times.
- Garments may not have holes that are located above the knees.
- No student shall wear nose, eyebrow, lip, or tongue rings, studs, or piercings.
- Facial covering, such as the wearing of masks, heavy face paint, make-up or clothing that covers all or part of the face that may cause students to be unidentifiable is prohibited.
- Dress Codes may be stricter at individual schools based on SBDM decisions.