

Students

Dress and Grooming

The Pomfret Board of Education believes that proper etiquette, social customs, and good grooming clearly impact the educational process. Therefore, the Board requires that students wear to school or school functions neat, clean, appropriate clothing that meets the standards of the educational environment. Any extreme in clothing, hair, cosmetics, jewelry, or appearance that are issue of safety or that may disrupt the normal operations of the school are not acceptable.

It is not the intent of this policy to usurp the authority of parents in determining what is appropriate dress and grooming for their children, but it is important to the function of the school that the proper decorum be maintained. The Board of Education authorizes the school administrators to employ appropriate counseling and disciplinary procedures to implement and enforce this policy. Students will be informed of dress code violations by school staff and have the opportunity to dress appropriately. Noncompliance or repeat infractions will result in administrative referral, parental notification and school detentions and/or suspensions.

Clothing, hair arrangements, or other personal adornments or embellishments clearly intended to be disruptive or to interfere with regular school operations are prohibited. Students are encouraged to wear (for boys) clean slacks, shirts, jerseys, sweaters, neat jeans and (for girls) clean blouses, sweaters, skirts of appropriate lengths (at least mid-thigh) and dresses, slacks and neat jeans. The use of good sense and modesty in wearing apparel and hair must be observed. The following guidelines should be followed for students:

1. Perfume, colognes, and after shave may not be worn indoors due to staff and students with allergies and asthma.
2. Clothing or accessories with vulgar expressions, which depict drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or contain sexual wording or pictures, or inherently contains unreasonable potential to upset and hurt others are not acceptable.
3. Torn or cut-off clothing, tank tops, short shorts, transparent clothing are not acceptable.
4. Jackets, coats and hats may not be worn but layered clothing for added warmth is acceptable. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to, scarves, bandannas, masks, kerchiefs, athletic headbands, caps or hoods are prohibited.
5. Shirts and/or blouses, which reveal the abdomen, chest, cleavage or undergarments and see-through clothing, are not allowed.
6. Shorts (short shorts, cut-off shorts, running shorts, gym shorts), miniskirts, or pants which reveal the upper thigh or undergarments are prohibited.
7. Sunglasses (unless required by a medical order) are prohibited.

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8. Spiked or studded bracelets oversized or multi-finger rings belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or chains (worn or displayed) are not allowed.
9. Footwear which marks/damages floors or is a safety hazard is prohibited.
10. Flip-flops may not be worn during gym, recess, music or field day.
11. Holes in pants and jeans is prohibited.
12. Backpacks and/or book bags must be stored in lockers.