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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PONTIAC

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT **SECONDARY DRESS CODE**

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The Pontiac School District dress code is designed to provide students with an educational environment that is conducive to the learning process. The policy is designed to prevent distractions including health and safety hazards that disrupt the educational environment. Pontiac School District students are expected to dress, groom, and attire themselves in a manner that is not potentially dangerous, does not distract others or disrupt education, and does not convey a message contrary to District policy. Administrators will make the final determination as to what constitutes appropriate behavior.

The following are examples of dress, grooming, and attire that may violate District policy. This should not be considered an exclusive list. Students should reference their own school's dress code for more detailed examples.

Please note: ITA is a uniform school for all students K-12. All PSD elementary schools are uniform schools.

P.E.A.C.E Academy is a uniform school.

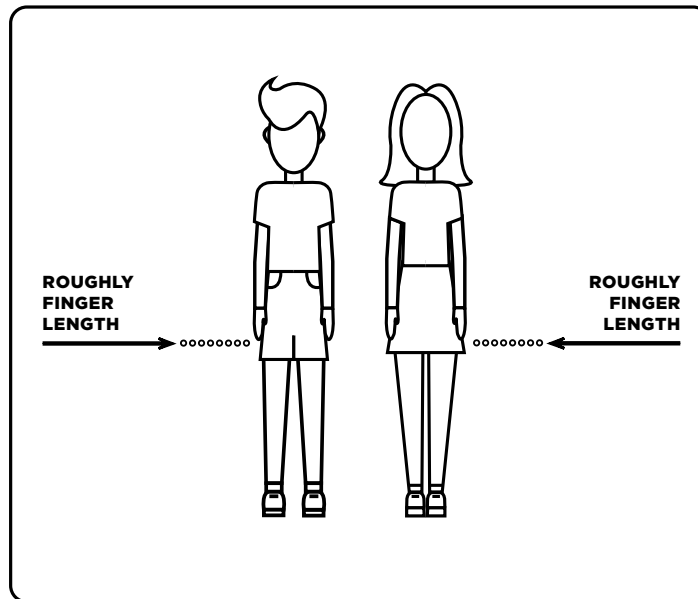
Prohibited Apparel

- Pajamas, pajama pants, loungewear or other sleepwear
- “Bag and sag” pants/sweats/shorts (oversized pockets, oversized crotch, oversized legs) that must be held up to walk.
- Bikers and spandex shorts
- Low cut tops
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, razor back shirts, thin shoulder strap tops, backless, strapless, cutout or halter tops, sheer or see through blouses/top is worn over at all times.
- Any article of clothing that displays alcohol or drug slogans/ symbols or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including but not limited to those that promote (suggest) sex or violence. This refers specifically to advertising said products as well as any form of narcotic paraphernalia. Clothing and bottoms with writing and/or graphics with objectionable themes or implied obscenities are also strictly prohibited. This would include articles of clothing with any writing placed on the seat of the pant.
- Headgear of any kind, including hats, caps, scarves, dorags, stocking caps, bandana hats, visors, and baseball caps (unless permitted for school spirit day)
- Slippers, shower shoes or opentoe shoes
- Any clothing, jewelry, symbol or other object that may reasonably be perceived by a staff member as evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang.
- Outdoor apparel, winter coats, gloves, and backpacks must be stored in the student's locker until the end of the day.
- Bonnets should not be worn to school

The following are examples of dress, grooming, and attire that adheres to the District Policy. This should not be considered an exclusive list. Students should reference their own school's dress code for more detailed examples.

Dress Code Expectations/Requirements

- Shirts must go below the top of the pants at the waist.
- Shirts/tops with sleeves.



- Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist
- Pants with holes in them higher than the knee must be worn with leggings underneath. No flesh may show above mid thigh (fingertip) length.
- Students wearing leggings, jeggings, yoga or any other thin pants must wear a top that reaches mid thigh (or fingertip length).
- Hoodies may be worn with hoods off in the building
- Closetoe shoes

Clothing which is Contrary to District Policy

Clothing that is contrary to district policy is not permissible, including clothing that advertises or promotes smoking, alcohol, or the illegal use of drugs; clothing reasonably likely to be perceived as promoting racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination or intolerance; clothing reasonably likely to be perceived as advertising or promoting illegal behavior; clothing reasonably likely to be perceived as obscene, lewd, vulgar, or plainly offensive, etc.

Student Dress Code Expectations

1. Adhere to the student dress code
2. Exemplify proper grooming standards in a manner that projects an appropriate image for the student, the school, and the Pontiac School District.

Students who violate the Pontiac School District's dress code may be subject to discipline according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Students Violating the Dress Code

- First Offense:** Students will be prohibited from attending class. The student will be asked to change into clothes that comply with the Pontiac School District's dress code immediately.
- a. Students may check their locker/gym locker for a change of clothes.
 - b. When applicable, students may be given clothes from school closet.
 - c. If necessary, parents/guardians will be called to bring proper clothing so that the student may resume his/her regular schedule.

Second Offense: Students will be prohibited from attending class. He/She will be required to attend after school detention.

Third Offense: Students will be prohibited from attending class. He/She will be required to attend after school detention. A parent meeting will be scheduled and a contract will be signed by parent and school administrator.

The Pontiac School District acknowledges the right of a parent that a student be exempted from the mandatory dress code requirement on the basis of a religious objection.