

POWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE 2019 - 2020

I. DRESS CODE: The following procedures are established to promote discipline, maintain order and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Students are required to wear appropriate clothing and shoes according to the situation and the grade level involved. Inappropriate clothing and appearance are disruptive to the school program. Principals will enforce adherence to the dress code by those under their jurisdiction. School administrators have final authority to decide if clothing complies with district rules.

A. Sun Protective Wear – Students will be allowed to wear sunglasses, hats or other sun protective items while outdoors during and engaged in school related activities such as physical education or recess. No hats or sunglasses (unless prescribed by a physician) are to be worn in the school building or hallways.

B. Pants – Pants are to be worn at the waist, not below the waist or in such a way to expose undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or in a manner that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Short shorts, boxer shorts, pajamas, see through items and other bedroom attire are not allowed. Spandex pants, or leggings may only be worn with a top that reaches mid-thigh or below as not to expose undergarments or body parts in an indecent manner. Pants with rips/holes are only acceptable if the rips/holes falls below fingertips on pants. (This area is outlined in ITEM D Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses). Any holes above this level must have permanently attached material behind hole.

C. Shirts and Blouses – Must be long enough to remain tucked in at all times with no skin visible. Blouses with a neckline that dip below the line formed between the right and left armpit are prohibited. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, muscle shirts, and shirts with cut off sleeves are also prohibited.

D. Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses – To determine if shorts are too short: while student is standing with arms fully extended at side of his/her leg, shorts should reach to the student's fingertips. In other words, the longest finger should touch material, not skin. Students may wear skirts and dresses of a modest length of no more than three inches from the knee to the bottom on the hem. Dresses with a neckline that dip below the line formed between the left and right armpit are prohibited.

E. Unacceptable Attire – Any apparel that is determined inappropriate, disruptive to the educational environment, profane, or offensive to good taste by principal or designee of the school such as; jewelry, tattoos, or markings must be covered, accessories or manner of grooming, which by virtue of color arrangement, trade mark, or other attributes that denotes membership in a gang, advocates drugs, tobacco products, alcohol, violence, profane sexual innuendo, profanity, or has caused disruption is prohibited.

1. Jewelry should be worn in such a way that doesn't present a safety or health hazard such as spiked jewelry or accessories
2. Wallet chains and dog chains are not permitted
3. Bandanas and /or Du-Rags are not to be worn, displayed, or carried onto campus.

F. Footwear – Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the specific learning environment.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION: (Appendix C outlines the dress code expectations): Any student who violates the dress code policy, such as; wearing clothing that exposes undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.

1. First Offense – A student shall be given a verbal warning and the administrator or their designee shall call the student's parent or guardian to bring a change of clothes.

2. Second Offense – The student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days, may lose a privilege and the school administrator or their designee shall call, meet with the student's parent or guardian and ask them to bring a change of clothes.

3. Third or Subsequent Offense – A student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to s.1003.01(5) for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, may lose additional privileges and the school administrator or their designee shall call the student's parent or guardian to bring a change of clothes, send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

(Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes.)