

Payette Primary and Westside Elementary School

Student Dress Code

The purpose of the dress code is to maintain a non-disruptive atmosphere, which creates an environment conducive to learning without the distractions caused by sexually suggestive, indecent, gang related or other inappropriate attire. Student dress and grooming are the responsibility of the student and his/her parents/guardians. When a student is dressed appropriately, he/she is demonstrating a respect of self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. Students shall maintain a clean, well-groomed appearance at all times. Dress that is acceptable for some social settings may not be acceptable for school. When a student's dress or grooming disrupts the learning environment or otherwise does not adhere to the dress code, the principal or designee has the responsibility to take action. (see PSD policy 3255)

Administrative Rights

- Teachers and administrators may contact parents of students who are in violation of the dress code to supply appropriate school attire.
- Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change improper attire or who repeat dress code violations shall be subject to normal disciplinary action in accordance with school and or district policy.

Disciplinary Action

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** Warning and problem corrected
- **SECOND OFFENSE:** Problem corrected. 1 day lunch/lunch recess detention. Parent/Guardian will be notified.
- **THIRD OFFENSE:** Problem corrected. 2 days lunch/recess detention. Parent/Guardian will be notified.
- **FOURTH OFFENSE:** 4 days of lost recesses at school. A parent conference will be scheduled.
- **FIFTH OFFENSE:** The student and parent will sign a Dress Code Contract, stating an understanding of the dress code policy and further compliance.
- **SIXTH OFFENSE:** The student is suspended for a minimum of one (1) school day and may appear for a hearing before the school district administrative review board to determine further disciplinary action.

Note: If a principal desires to amend the disciplinary action for a particular school, a written proposal must be presented to the Board for adoption prior to being published in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Note: It is suggested that students not wear expensive jewelry or other expensive accessories to school. It is difficult to recover such items when they are lost. Schools are not responsible for replacing lost or stolen property.

Clothing/Accessories Associated with Gangs, Drugs, Sexuality, Profanity, Violence

- Wearing, using, or displaying of any politically divisive content, political groups, political messages, gang clothing or attire, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or any other items which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited on school property or at any school sponsored event.
- Any clothing, accessory, or visible tattoo that depicts or represents by picture, symbol, or words drugs including alcohol and tobacco; controlled substances; drug paraphernalia; gangs; violence; sexually explicit, lewd, indecent or offensive material; or illegal acts are prohibited.

PANTS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/DRESSES

- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be mid-thigh, modest in length.
- Leggings may be worn with a top that provides appropriate coverage.
- Pants/shorts will have no holes or tears above the knee.
- Pants will fit properly and be worn at the waist. Pants will cover undergarments at all times.
- Loungewear of any kind is not be permitted at school. Examples include but are not limited to sweats, joggers, & pajamas.

SHIRTS/TOPS/DRESSES

- No midriff, back, or cleavage should be exposed at any time.
- Necklines will not be lower than the straight line from top of underarm across to opposite underarm.
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, tube tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, halter, or bare midriff tops are prohibited unless they are worn over another item of clothing that adheres to the dress code.
- Clothing will cover undergarments at all times..

SHOES

- Shoes will be worn at all times including tennis shoes, casual shoes, dress shoes, boots, sandals & flip-flops.
- Slippers & wheeled shoes are not allowed.

Jewelry/Accessories/Head Coverings

- Dog collars, chains, wallet chains, spikes, safety pins, fishhooks or other dangerous items are prohibited.
- Belts will be worn through loops and will not hang down.
- Hats or head coverings of any kind in the building (except for religious or medical reasons) are prohibited except during special occasions.
- Bandanas will not be worn anywhere on one's person.

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COATS/JACKETS

- Any coat, sweatshirt, jacket, hoodies, and outerwear that is worn in the halls and classrooms must meet the same standards as shirts.
- Outerwear worn to school and on recess not meeting the dress code should be hung in the closet, hooks or chairs during instructional hours.

Dress Guidelines for All School Related Activities

Students attending school sponsored extracurricular activities outside of the regular school day are expected to dress and act appropriately. Students attending extracurricular activities are representing their school and their appearance should reflect the highest character and ideals.

Spirit Day Dress Code

- Spirit days are approved by administration and may result in students deviating from the dress code policy. Spirit days have different dress themes, but **please make note of the consistent items that ARE NOT permitted on ANY day:**
 - NO outfits in poor taste.
 - NO low-cut tops, no visible cleavage, or tank tops.
 - NO inappropriate words or images on clothing
 - NO overly tight-fitting clothing
 - NO colored tights or spandex as outerwear
 - NO holes in garments above the knee
- For each approved spirit day, a list of approved themes and attire will be available.
- Students not participating in the dress up theme should follow the Payette School District Dress Code.