

POWER MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Appropriate attire is a major component in a safe, healthy school environment. The world of work requires standards of dress and schools require standards as well. Dress should be appropriate for the occasion and activity in which you are engaged while in school. Your appearance should reflect that you are in school, ready to work and learn. The following expectations for student dress have been established to promote a safe and optimal learning environment.

“A student will not dress or groom in a manner that disrupts the educational process or is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of others. A student will not dress in a manner which is distracting or indecent, to the extent that it interferes with the learning and teaching process” (FPS Student Code of Conduct).

In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. The following standards will be observed at Power Middle School:

1. Pants must be worn appropriately. No sagging allowed.
2. Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back, and shoulders.
3. No low cut tops allowed; no exposed cleavage at any time. The neckline of shirts must be less than 2” below the collarbone.
4. Head apparel, except for religious or medical purposes, must not be worn inside the school building.
5. Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. No bedroom slippers allowed.
6. Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not display offensive messages including but not limited to any of the following: 1) racial or ethnic slurs/symbols, 2) gang affiliations, 3) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive language or images, 4) products which students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, firearms and illegal drugs.

7. Skirts and dresses should be approximately knee length. Skirts or dresses more than 2 inches above the knee are subject to correction. Shorts should be “mid-thigh” length or longer. Shorts more than 4 inches above the knee are subject to correction.

8. No exposed undergarments are permitted at any time. Sheer garments and/or spandex clothing are subject to correction. Stretch pants/Yoga pants/Leggings,etc. may only be worn with dress code approved skirts, pants, shorts, or with loosely fitting tunic style tops/sweater dresses that cover both front and back and may not be worn alone.

9. Students are not to wear pajamas or lounge wear, bottoms with writing across the seat, sunglasses, coats, or backpacks in the building during the school day.

The school administration reserves the right to revise the dress code when necessary. The dress code applies to all school activities and functions unless otherwise notified. Any student not attired in accordance with the policy shall be subject to the following consequences:

1. Correct the violation –student will wait in the office until parents bring appropriate garment(s) to school. 2. Refusal to correct the dress code violation will be considered insubordination under the FPS Student Code of Conduct. Consequences, including but not limited to detention or suspension, may result.