



PFMS Dress Code Guidelines

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This dress code guides students and parents as to appropriate school attire for students at all school functions. At Pine Forest Middle School, we have high expectations for our students. They are expected to come to school with a respectable appearance which helps students learn a skill that is required for success and will positively impact them in future employment linked to attire. Our guidelines seek to minimize distraction to the learning environment and school activities and improve the safety of students.

Head Gear:

- No hats, toboggans, sweatbands, do-rags, bandannas, knit caps, wraps, or any other head coverings.
- Small headbands unadorned and measuring less than 2-3 inch are acceptable.
- However, students may wear head coverings in the school building as an expression of sincerely held religious belief (e.g., hijabs or yarmulkes) or cultural expression (e.g., geles) or to reasonably accommodate medical or disability-related issues (e.g., protective helmets).

Tops - Shirts, Blouses, Sweaters, etc.

- Clothing that reveals an excessive amount of back, shoulders, chest, and or/ belly are not permitted. This includes tank tops, crop tops, muscle shirts, belly shirts, and no tube tops (tops must have a strap).
- No see-through tops (clothing).
- No shirts can be tied on the side, front or back

Pants, Skirts, Shorts, etc.

- Bottoms may have holes no more than 4 inches above the knee, uncovered.
- Bottoms with holes more than 4 inches above the knee must have opaque tights or shorts worn under them to fill the holes. Pants are NOT allowed to have holes in the back.
- No shorts or skirts that are above the mid-thigh area.
- Leggings may only be worn with a top that covers the bottom in its entirety.
- Pants will be worn around the waist. There will be no sagging pants.
- Outerwear worn throughout the day must not be tied around the waist.

Footwear:

- Students must wear shoes at all times
- Crocs are permitted in sports mode (with back strap)
- Flip-flops, slippers, house shoes, shoes with wheels, or shower shoes are not permitted.

Other:

- No sleep attire to include blankets, bathrobes, slippers, **pajama tops/pants** and pillows.
- No inappropriate signs, emblems, or language on clothing.
- Clothing with derogatory or insulting messages and advertisements for drugs, alcohol, violence, or tobacco is not permitted.
- No wallet chains or chains on clothes.
- No sunglasses worn in the building.
- No scarves and/or any other items etc., will be allowed to hang from pockets.
- **Headphones and earbuds are NOT to be worn in the building.**
- **Gym clothes: T-shirt and shorts/sweatpants; shorts must not be above the mid-thigh area**

Book Bags, Purses, Cell phones:

- Book bags must be stored in the locker during the day. It is recommended that book bags be clear or mesh.
- Gym clothes can be carried in grocery, mesh, or clear drawstring bags before and after scheduled PE classes.
- Cell phones are to be kept in student lockers upon arrival at school.
- **School is NOT responsible for personal items brought to school.**
- **No fanny packs/clear purse**

Special Note: Students will not be allowed to dress in a manner that disrupts or distracts others from learning, is offensive to others, or violates health or safety requirements. The administration will make the final decision on all dress code-related infractions.