Perry County School District Student Dress Code

The primary responsibility for a student's attire rests with the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s). The Perry County Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a positive, safe, orderly, and respectful learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is clean, neat, appropriate for school activities, and does not disrupt the educational process or interfere with the health, safety, or welfare of students and staff.

This dress code shall be **applied consistently and equitably to all students regardless of gender**. Enforcement shall be based on the requirements of this policy and shall not discriminate or be applied more strictly to one group of students than another.

Students who fail to comply with this dress code shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Perry County Schools Code of Conduct, **Code 1.07 – Nonconformity to Dress Code**.

Section I – Required Student Attire

Students shall wear clothing that provides appropriate coverage and is suitable for the school setting.

Shirts

- Shirts must not be see-through.
- Shirts must cover the chest, back, sides, and midriff at all times.
- Shirts must have straps or sleeves that securely cover the shoulders.
- Shirts must not be excessively low-cut in the front or back.

Bottoms

- Pants, jeans, joggers, sweatpants, shorts, skirts, dresses, and leggings are permitted.
- Bottom garments must not be see-through.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be no more than four (4) inches above the top of the knee.
- Clothing must completely cover the buttocks and undergarments at all times while standing, sitting, or walking.
- Leggings, jeggings, or similar fitted garments may be worn provided they are not see-through and are worn with a shirt, tunic, dress, or outer garment that extends below the buttocks.

Footwear

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Footwear shall be appropriate for school activities and shall not present a health or safety hazard.

- House slippers and footwear intended primarily for indoor use are prohibited.
- Closed-toe shoes may be required for Career Technical Education (CTE) courses, science laboratories, physical education classes, athletic activities, or other instructional settings where student safety requires such footwear.

Section II – Acceptable Attire

The following items are permitted provided they comply with all other provisions of this dress code:

- Hooded sweatshirts; however, hoods may not be worn over the head inside school buildings unless authorized by school administration or required for religious or medical reasons.
- Leggings, yoga pants, jeggings, and other fitted pants that meet the coverage requirements of this policy.
- Jeans with rips or tears, provided undergarments and prohibited areas of the body are not exposed.
- Athletic clothing that meets all coverage requirements.
- Clothing displaying school, college, athletic, commercial, or brand logos that do not violate the prohibited content provisions of this policy.
- Jackets, coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, and other appropriate outerwear.

Section III – Prohibited Attire

Students shall not wear clothing, accessories, or grooming that interfere with the educational environment, compromise safety, or are inappropriate for school, including but not limited to:

- Clothing that exposes undergarments, the chest, cleavage, midriff, buttocks, or genital area.
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, backless shirts, strapless garments, mesh garments without appropriate coverage, or undershirts/camisoles worn as outerwear.
- Clothing that is excessively tight, see-through, or otherwise revealing.
- Pajamas or sleepwear, except on approved school spirit or special event days.
- Bathing suits or swimwear.
- Hats, caps, hoods, bonnets, do-rags, bandanas, or other head coverings inside school buildings unless worn for documented religious, medical, cultural, or school-approved purposes.
- Sunglasses worn inside school buildings unless medically required.
- Chains, spiked accessories, metal-spiked footwear, steel-toed shoes (unless required for an approved Career Technical Education program), or other items that could reasonably be considered hazardous or disruptive.

- Clothing or accessories displaying or promoting:
    - Alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, illegal drugs, controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia;
    - Weapons, ammunition, or acts of violence;
    - Profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, pornography, or sexually suggestive images or language;
    - Gang affiliation or gang-related symbols;
    - Hate speech or language that targets, demeans, intimidates, or harasses individuals based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or any other protected classification;
    - Any message or image that substantially disrupts the educational environment or poses a threat to the safety or well-being of students or staff.

Section IV – Administrative Authority

The principal or designee shall determine whether a student's attire complies with this policy. When a student's attire is determined to be in violation of the dress code, reasonable efforts shall be made to allow the student to correct the violation before disciplinary consequences are imposed.

Corrective actions may include changing into compliant clothing, removing or covering prohibited items, or contacting a parent or guardian to provide appropriate attire. Repeated or willful violations may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Perry County Schools Code of Conduct.

The administration reserves the authority to prohibit any attire, accessory, or grooming practice that is determined to create a safety concern, materially disrupt the educational process, or interfere with the operation of the school, even if the specific item is not expressly addressed in this policy.