



A Guide to the Pitt County Schools

Student Uniform and Appearance Policy

Purpose

The Pitt County Board of Education believes a safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a high performing school. The implementation of school uniforms will help minimize disruptive behavior, promote respect for oneself and others, build school/community spirit, and more significantly, help to maintain high academic standards. The Pitt County Board of Education also feels that the wearing of uniforms will help lessen the impact of socioeconomic differences.

Implementation

The principal and/or principal's designee will implement the school uniform and appearance policy in a manner that is age and developmentally appropriate. Good judgment in considering issues such as age, developmental stages, and body type are expected of all students, parents, and guardians in the selection of school attire and appearance. The manner of a student's wear of the school uniform shall be neat, clean, properly fitted, age appropriate, and suitable for the learning environment.



Appearance Guidelines

In addition to wearing school uniforms, all students are to be groomed and dressed appropriately for school. A student's dress and/or appearance shall: support, not disrupt, the learning environment; constitute no threat to health or safety; be tasteful and unable to be construed as provocative or obscene; and reflect practices of good hygiene and cleanliness.

Financial Considerations

Parents and/or guardians who have concerns about the affordability of a school uniform should contact their school social worker. The social worker will assist the family with identifying community resources available to them. The school system will not be responsible for funding uniforms for any students. School uniform donations are accepted at all schools.



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Shirts

- Must have a collar and be solid white, black, navy, or up to two additional colors designated by the individual school.
- With the exception of school-approved logos, shirts may not have insignias, logos, labels, words, or pictures.
- Must be appropriately sized and tucked in unless it is designated for outside wear and is no longer than 3 inches below the waist.
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time. Students may wear T-shirts or camisoles which are plain white, black, navy, or one of the school-approved colors under a collared shirt.
- No see-through or mesh clothing is allowed.



Pants, Skirts, Skorts, Shorts, Jumpers, and Capri Length Pants

- Must be solid khaki, black, or navy with no graphics or embroidery.
- No denim of any color is allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers shall be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the knee when standing.
- No pants or shorts with pockets halfway down the legs (i.e. cargo pants).
- No baggy or sagging pants or shorts are allowed. No “low rise” clothing is allowed. Pants must be worn with the waistband at or above the hip bone.
- If a belt is worn, it must be solid black or brown with a plain belt buckle that is not oversized. All belts must be buckled.
- Clothing shall be worn appropriately (not inside-out or backward; no rolled-up pants legs, etc.).
- No mesh or see-through clothing of any kind is allowed.

Dresses

- Must be solid white, black, navy, khaki, or another school-approved color.
- Must have a collar, and may have one or two chest pockets.
- No insignias, logos, labels, words, or pictures.
- Must cover the chest and back so neither is exposed.
- Undergarments may not be visible at any time.

Outerwear

- Students may wear plain, unhooded sweaters, sweatshirts, or vests over school uniforms. Items must be a school-approved color and must not have insignias, logos, labels, words, or pictures.
- Lightweight fleece jackets, which are school-approved colors and do not have a hood, are allowed.
- Coats may not be worn inside the building during the school day unless administration makes an exception due to the building being unusually cold.

Clothing/Accessories

- Large pendants and medallions are not allowed.
- Bandanas are not allowed.
- No headwear or sunglasses may be worn inside the school.
- Leggings and footed tights may be worn only as an accessory under skirts, skorts, dresses, shorts, pants, or capris. They must be solid white, black, or navy.
- No jeggings are allowed.
- Solid color, pattern, or stripe ties may be worn if there is no insignia, logo, label, words, or pictures.

**For a complete list of approved uniform colors for each school, visit the PCS Website at www.pitt.k12.nc.us and search School Color Chart.*