

Dress Code Guidelines

This dress code provides guidance to 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, which 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.

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: All Cumberland County Schools district-level and school-based communications or guidance (e.g., handbooks, websites, social media communications, etc.) are subject to change at any time due to changing COVID-19 conditions and related health or safety guidance.

BOTTOMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No dress, skirt or shorts more than two (2) inches above the knee. This includes the underlining of clothing such as hi/low or double layer/dresses/skirts. ● There will be no sagging pants. Sagging will be defined as pants low enough to allow whatever is under the pants, regardless of how many layers exist, to be visible. ● No bedroom bottoms. ● No skin-tight clothing. This includes leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, biker shorts, bodysuits, Bodycon or any other skin-tight clothing. ● No holes, slits or shreds in clothing are permitted even if there is material behind or patches on the holes, slits or shreds. 	TOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No midriff (belly shirts), tube tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap clothing, or muscle shirts permitted (Shirts must cover the entire shoulder and back). ● No clothing that shows cleavage; attire should fit properly. ● No open back, or cut out on the back or on the shoulder area that exposes skin, on any top/dress. ● No sheer or see through fabric in tops or bottoms unless it has solid fabric underneath it that covers the shoulders and back; this includes but is not limited to, crochet, lace sheer or knitted fabrics. ● No bedroom tops ● No skin-tight clothing. This includes all clothing: tops, dresses, shirts, and compression garments.
HEADGEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Sweatbands, do-rags, bandannas, scarves, knit caps, wraps, hoodies, or any other head coverings. Head coverings are acceptable for religious purposes. ● Anything to be worn on the head must not be any larger than one (1) inch and must be for the purpose of holding the hair back. 	OUTERWEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outerwear worn throughout the day must not have hoods nor tied around the waist. ● Heavier coats may be worn to school, but must be placed in the locker upon arrival and must remain there until the last scheduled trip to the locker.
SHOES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shoes must be worn at all times and cover both the toe and heel. ● No bedroom shoes ● No spikes on shoes ● Heels should be no higher than 2 inches from where the leather meets the sole at the heel of the shoe to the floor. ● No flip flops, clogs, or Crocs. ● No shoes with wheels 	BOOK BAGS/PURSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Book bags must be stored in the locker during the school day. Clear Backpacks are preferred. ● Purses/handbags may not exceed 8 x 8 x 3 inches in size. ● Backpack style purses, solid drawstring bags and fanny packs are not allowed. ● Gym clothes can be carried in grocery, mesh or clear drawstring bags before and after scheduled PE class.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

- No hats or sunglasses will not be worn for any reason during the school day.
- No inappropriate signs, emblems or language on clothing or accessories.
- No spike or distracting jewelry. Earrings should not be more than a quarter size.
- No facial or tongue piercings allowed.
- No tattoos.
- No wallet chains or chains on clothing.
- No distracting hair colors or styles are allowed (excessive and bright colors are distracting).
- No spikes on shoes, clothing, or accessories.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRESS IN A MANNER WHICH DISRUPTS OR DISTRACTS OTHERS FROM LEARNING, IS OFFENSIVE TO OTHERS, OR VIOLATES HEALTH OR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, ADMINISTRATION WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON ALL DRESS CODE RELATED INFRACTIONS.

PE Bottoms	Blue, Black or Green Shorts or Pants
PE Tops	Solid White T-Shirt