

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: STANDARDIZED DRESS
 GRADES K-12
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221. STANDARDIZED DRESS GRADES K-12	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the right of students to freedom of expression both in speech and the wearing of apparel as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court. The Board also recognizes its obligation to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the students who attend its schools. The Board further recognizes its responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment in the schools under its jurisdiction and to minimize the opportunity for student distraction and/or disruption.</p> <p>The Board believes that a policy of standardized student dress will help address issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of the students attending its schools and will further aid in the maintenance of a positive learning environment.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1317.3</p>	<p>The legal authority for this policy is Section 1317.3 Uniforms of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended (24 PS 1317.3).</p> <p>The Board authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee to enforce school regulations limiting student dress in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase school safety and provide for the health and welfare of its students; 2. Promote a positive school environment that focuses on instruction and learning; and 3. Foster school pride and school spirit.
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.11</p>	<p>Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technology education classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health and/or safety of the student.</p>

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee to enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which could:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present a hazard to the health and/or safety of the student and/or others; 2. Materially interfere with schoolwork, create disorder and/or disrupt the educational program; 3. Cause excessive wear and/or damage to school property; and/or 4. Prevent the student from achieving educationally due to blocked vision and/or restricted movement. <p>Students have the responsibility to maintain good hygiene and clean clothing. School officials may impose limitations on student participation in the regular instructional program when there is evidence that a lack of cleanliness constitutes a health hazard and/or is disruptive to the educational process.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which designate the building principal and/or designee to monitor student dress in order to ensure compliance with this policy.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians must be mindful that student dress that may be distracting and/or disruptive to the learning process will not be tolerated. Any student violating this policy will be addressed in accordance with the rules and regulations in place that apply to such. School administrators have the final responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of this policy. School administrators may give permission for students to dress outside the parameters of this policy and the guidelines herein on planned or special occasions. Examples of such may include, but are not limited to, field trips, pep assemblies and approved fundraisers, and student dress, on such days, shall still be consistent with the intent and spirit of this policy.</p>						
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>The following dress and grooming guidelines shall apply to all students:</p> <p><u>A. Bottom Styles And Colors</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Style/Type:</td> <td>Color:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dress or Casual Docker-style full-length pant</td> <td>Solid-color Khaki (tan), Navy Blue, Gray or Black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dress or Casual Docker-style short</td> <td>Solid-color Khaki (tan), Navy Blue, Gray or Black</td> </tr> </table>	Style/Type:	Color:	Dress or Casual Docker-style full-length pant	Solid-color Khaki (tan), Navy Blue, Gray or Black	Dress or Casual Docker-style short	Solid-color Khaki (tan), Navy Blue, Gray or Black
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- Carpenter or cargo pants/shorts are prohibited.
- Sweats, jean/denim/pajama-type bottoms are not permitted. Undergarments must not be visible; no spandex, nylon, or stretch material is allowed.
- Bottoms must be free of logos, designs, emblems, insignias, and/or monograms.
- Bottoms are not to be tucked into shoes or boots.
- Belt: must be worn at the natural waistline and be of Solid-color material (Black, Tan, Gray, Blue, White or Brown). Belt buckles must be a plain, standard belt buckle that is 2” by 3” in size or smaller. Belts must be of an appropriate length for waist and have no logos, emblems, insignias, monograms, studs, or other adornment(s) deemed to be unsafe and/or potentially disruptive.

C. Top Styles And Colors

Style/Type:

Color:

Traditional Polo-style with collar –
Buttoned to the base of the neck

Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray or
White

Standard Oxford-style Dress
Shirt/Blouse – Buttoned to the base of
the neck

Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray or
White

D. Top Guidelines

- Must be appropriately sized for the student; that is, no more than one (1) regular size larger than the student actually measures. This also means that tops are not to be tight. Long/Baggy or midriff-baring tops are not permitted. Tops that are too short or too long are not permitted. Tops must be long enough to ensure the midriff area is covered at all times and shall not extend past the middle of the rear pocket or where such pocket would be in cases where none exists. Dress code compliant tops that are too long, but otherwise appropriately fit, must be tucked in. Logos, prints, stripes, or patterns are not permitted.
- All shirts must have a collar.
- Short, long, or three-quarter length sleeves are permitted; sleeves must completely cover shoulders.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttons: Shirt must be buttoned at least to the base of the neck so as to not be deemed excessively revealing. This means that students must be covered to the base of the neck, even if the top button of a shirt does not reach that point. Buttons must be within the acceptable color selections for shirts. • Tops must be free of frays, slits, logos, designs, emblems, insignias, monograms, holes, rivets and/or studs. • If shirt is untucked, it must be hemmed with a straight hem and be no longer than the middle of standard rear pants pocket. • Dress code compliant polo-style shirts, Oxford-style shirts, or sweaters/sweater vests/fleece tops/fleece vests with <u>authorized</u> PVSD extra-curricular or co-curricular logos are permitted. <p>E. <u>Layering Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items must be solid-color Black, White, Gray or any shade of Blue. • Full-length leggings/tights are to be worn <u>under</u> skirts/shorts/skortis/gauchos. Even if leggings are worn, skirts/shorts/skortis/gauchos must still be the appropriate dress code compliant length. • Solid-color Black, White, Gray, or any shade of Blue T-shirts/turtlenecks/mock turtlenecks may be worn <u>under</u> a dress code compliant shirt, jumper or sweater. <p>F. <u>Optional Apparel</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Style/Type:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Color:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>T-shirts (layering garment)**</td> <td>Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Turtleneck¹/Mock Turtleneck (layering garment)**</td> <td>Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pullover Sweater</td> <td>Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full-Torso Cardigan Sweater</td> <td>Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sweater Vest</td> <td>Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fleece Vests or Tops</td> <td>Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neckties</td> <td>Must contain <u>only</u> the standard permitted dress code colors of Blue, Black, Gray, Khaki or White</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Style/Type:	Color:	T-shirts (layering garment)**	Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White	Turtleneck ¹ /Mock Turtleneck (layering garment)**	Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White	Pullover Sweater	Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White	Full-Torso Cardigan Sweater	Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White	Sweater Vest	Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White	Fleece Vests or Tops	Solid-color Blue, Black, Gray, or White	Neckties	Must contain <u>only</u> the standard permitted dress code colors of Blue, Black, Gray, Khaki or White
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** Layering garments are to be worn under tops.

¹ A full turtleneck consisting of sweater-type material may be worn as a primary/standard top.

G. Optional Apparel Guidelines

- All optional apparel garments must be non-hooded.
- Dresses that meet the standard for collar, sleeve, pocket and skirt length and color may be worn.
- Plain undershirts, T-shirts, turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks, of an appropriate size and color, may be worn underneath the standard dress top.
- Solid-color white, gray, black or blue pullover sweaters, sweater vests, full-torso cardigan sweaters, or fleece vests or tops, may be worn over a collared dress code-compliant shirt. All items must be without hoods.
- Garments with the authorized PVSD extracurricular or co-curricular logo/embroidery/monogramming (polo shirts, sweater/sweater vest) may be worn.
- Hooded and thermal garments of any style are not permitted.
- All forms of optional apparel must be free of logos, designs, emblems, insignias, and/or monograms.

H. Footwear

Color: Predominately Solid-color black, brown, tan or white.

Type/Style:

- Footwear must both be of the same color and pair.
- Shoes, boots, sandals (must be with a back strap) or clogs (must be with a back strap) are permitted and must be Solid-color Black, Brown, Tan, Gray, Navy Blue, or White. Shoelaces must match, be the same solid dress code compliant color as this footwear, and must be tied.
- Sneakers must be of dress code compliant colors of Black, Brown, Tan, Gray (not silver), Blue or White and may have one minor accent color (e.g., piping or stripe(s) on shoe that is of an other than compliant color). The entire shoe cannot be striped. Shoe laces must be of the same solid dress code compliant

<p>Pol. 218.4</p>	<p>predominate color as the sneakers or White.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footwear can have a manufacturer’s logo as long as that logo is not contrary to the mission of the school; and/or advertises or promotes the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs; and/or is deemed offensive, obscene, or immoral; and/or which is sexually suggestive; and/or which promotes statements which are derogatory to any racial, ethnic, or religious group; and/or which contains double meaning, advocates violent acts, or is gang-related. • Footwear <u>cannot</u> have a pattern, picture, drawing, diagram or decorative item(s). • Boots – Students are permitted to wear boots that are dress code compliant. However, garments are not permitted to be tucked into the boot. Regular pants must meet the top of a shoe, but not touch the floor. This means that it must meet the boot at the area at which a normal shoe would be. Boots must be below the knee and students are not permitted to wear shorts with boots. Capris, gauchos, skirts, etc. are permitted provided they are not tucked into the boot. • Full-length hosiery or tights may be worn by females and must be of approved Solid-colors (White, Gray, Black, Blue), including skin-tone. Such items must be worn <u>under dress code compliant</u> skirts/skorts/shorts/gauchos. • Socks must be solid-color White, Gray, Black, Blue or Khaki and must match. • Steel-toed footwear may be worn only when specified by course requirement. • Slippers and/or flip-flops are not permitted. • In all cases, footwear may not have heels in excess of three (3) inches. <p>I . <u>Physical Education Class Attire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In instances where a student is required change to participate in physical education class, s/he must wear <u>predominately</u> Blue, Black or Gray shorts and/or predominately Blue, Black or Gray sweatpants and Solid-color Gray, White or Blue T-shirt and/or sweatshirt (without hood). All garments worn for physical education must be neither revealing nor suggestive and must be free of offensive and/or inappropriate logos, iron-ons, emblems, pictures, decorations and/or words. All other PVSD specifications apply. • Clothing worn for physical education class must be hemmed and are to be
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free of holes, slits or frays and studs, rivets or sewn-on loops, and ties (unless tie is used to secure bottoms at the waist).

J. General Guidelines For Students

- Tops and Bottoms must be of contrasting colors. For example:
 - Black bottom/White top or Khaki bottom/Blue top – Acceptable.
 - Black bottom/Black top or Navy bottom/Navy top – Unacceptable.
- All clothing must be free of logos, designs, emblems, symbols, insignias, advertisements, and/or monograms.
- All garments must be appropriately sized.
- Jewelry: The school district recognizes that students may wish to wear jewelry and other adornments. However, certain types of jewelry and adornments and the manner in which they are worn may not be appropriate under certain circumstances and may pose a danger to the student or others and/or interrupt the educational process. There shall be no chains worn, other than those designed as jewelry (no necklaces in excess of 18”). No heavy/thick gauge chains, dog collars, and wallet chains are permitted. Earrings of moderate size, in addition to small stud facial/body piercings, are permitted. Due to safety concerns, hoop body rings and barbells are not permitted. Band-aids/Bandages shall not be used to cover body piercing unless directed to do so by school staff. In the case of the day-to-day school environment, the administration and/or teaching staff shall require that students remove any jewelry and other adornments which might reasonably be considered as posing a danger to, threat to, or interruption of the educational process.
- Clothing, hats, hair ornaments or implements, jewelry or any other materials which are considered to indicate gang affiliation are prohibited. All permitted hair accessories must be in dress code compliant colors.
- Head gear shall not be worn in the building. This includes, but is not limited to, caps, hats, scarves, bandannas, hair nets (unless required as part of an approved vocational program), head bands, or do-rags. Hair bands of approved colors are permitted.
- Sunglasses are not permitted in school buildings unless required by a physician.
- Non-prescribed glasses and unnaturally colored contact lenses are not permitted.

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- Accessories deemed to be distracting, disruptive, or offensive in nature are prohibited.
- Fanny packs are not permitted.
- Clothing and accessories which are deemed contrary to the mission of the school; and/or advertise or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs; and/or which are offensive, obscene, or immoral; or which are sexually suggestive; and/or which promote statements which are derogatory to any racial, ethnic, or religious group; and/or which contain double meanings, advocate violent acts, or are gang-related are prohibited.
- Students are to remove their outerwear and head covering/bands/apparel once they enter the building and place such items in their lockers for the remainder of the day. Students are not allowed to carry or wear these items during the school day. Hair grooming implements are not to be worn as an accessory.
- Standard apparel may not be embellished or altered in any fashion.
- Accessories deemed to be distracting, disruptive, and/or offensive are prohibited.
- The use of exposed body areas for purposes of advertisement or solicitation is prohibited.

K. Transfer Students

Upon enrolling in the school district, new students will be granted a grace period of one (1) calendar week before being required to fully conform to this policy. However, all dress must comply with the spirit and intent of this policy and the school district still retains the right to regulate the dress of any such student.

L. Opt-Out Statement

Religious/Medical/Special Needs Exemption: If the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student has what they consider to be a bona fide religious belief or medical or special needs situation which precludes strict adherence to this policy, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may fill out the appropriate waiver form and submit all other documentation reasonably requested by the administration to establish their exemption. Parents/Guardians requesting an exemption from the guidelines will be required to meet with the Superintendent and/or designee to discuss the guidelines and the nature of the circumstance necessitating a waiver. Following the meeting, the Superintendent and/or designee shall render a written decision, approving or denying the requested waiver. Any exemption from the

guidelines granted by the Superintendent and/or designee shall be limited to the minimum variance from the guidelines necessary in light of the specific, bona fide religious, medical, or special needs situation, which precludes strict compliance. The exception as allowed will be clearly stated. Paperwork regarding the request for exemption shall be filed in the school's office of the principal.

M. Economic Hardship/Crisis Situations

Families may qualify under certain income guidelines for a standardized dress subsidy. The school district shall develop and maintain a system to provide limited financial assistance to families demonstrating a financial hardship

resulting from compliance with this policy, while guarding the privacy of each student. Appropriate forms and information will be available from the principal and/or designee implementing the policy, and the family must file a new application each year.

N. Consequences For Noncompliance

The Superintendent and/or designee shall promulgate those rules and regulations that will enforce this policy.

Note: Students leaving school due to dress code violations will be marked absent unexcused/unlawful if they fail to return to school. No make-up work will be provided and the student may be considered truant.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.3

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.11

Board Policy – 218, 218.4, 233