

PLEASANT VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

Dress Guidelines

The way that an individual dresses can affect student's attitude, academic performance, and behavior, as well as, that of others. Maintaining positive dress and grooming habits is a contributing factor in creating an educational environment that is conducive of meaningful academic study. Any type of dress that solicits undue attention, is unsafe, disrupts school, or detracts from the learning environment is not acceptable. Students are expected to dress responsibly for school. Specific types of clothing and or accessories that are permitted at Pleasant Valley School District include, but are not limited to the following:

- All shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides, cleavage and all undergarments including bra straps at all times.
- Dresses, skirts and shorts, of appropriate length. Appropriate is defined as covering approximately three quarters of the thigh. They must be longer than a student's fingertips when standing in a normal position with the arms down.
- All trousers, pants or shorts must totally cover undergarments, including boxer shorts.
- Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Athletic shoes, laced shoes and/or shoe boot loafers dress shoes and other closed toed/closed heel shoes. Shoes considered as sandals are appropriate if they have back straps.

Specific types of clothing and or accessories that are not permitted at Pleasant Valley School District include, but are not limited to the following:

- Clothing that is revealing and or generally exposes parts of the body such as abbreviated tops (halter, tube bare midriff, muscle shirt or sleeveless attire that exposes underwear (including sports bras), is too low cut, or does not have form fitting armholes are not permitted. All garments must be in good repair and not have any holes or rips.
- Dresses, skirts and shorts, which are inappropriate in length. Appropriate is defined as covering approximately three quarters of the thigh. Shorts, dresses, and skirts should maintain an appropriate fit and length while walking, sitting, reaching, and bending over.
- Clothing or jewelry that violates the Pleasant Valley School District Weapons Policy are not to be worn in the building including; gloves, belts, bracelets, necklaces that feature sharp edges.
- Clothing or jewelry that are not permitted includes items that promote or reference drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Articles of clothing or accessories imprinted with messages pertaining to drugs or alcohol, any advertisement for any alcohol product or establishment which deals with alcohol; gun or weapon-

related apparel, clothing or accessories that may be gang related, vulgar, obscene or profane pictures or sayings; double-meaning slogans; clothing overly suggestive or revealing; and wearing articles of clothing in which undergarments are deliberately exposed to view.

- Clothing or jewelry that promotes or makes reference to cult or satanic activity.
- Clothing or jewelry that promotes or makes reference to weapons, violence, gang affiliation, sex, sexism, sexuality, political messages and or ethnic/racial prejudices.
- Clothing or jewelry with suggestive themes and or obscene pictures, words, or gestures.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
- Flip flops may not be worn in the building. Students shall not wear house slippers, skate shoes, or any other type of footwear that could constitute a safety hazard. Students are prohibited from wearing steel toed boots or shoes to school unless required at MCTI.
- Coats, hats, caps, bandanas, or other head coverings that distract from instruction are not to be worn in the building and should be removed upon entry. Such items shall be placed in the student's locker or bookbag/backpack until the end of the day.
 - Hats or other head coverings worn for cultural, ethnic, religious, health or other reasons shall be considered exempt from this rule.
- In addition to the aforementioned criteria, the administration reserves the right to make a decision regarding the decency of student dress.

When a student's dress is representative of a danger to his/her health, safety, or welfare or creates a distraction to the learning environment, the administration will request that the student change his/her clothing. A violation of the dress code may result in disciplinary action.

Students may be required to wear specific types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education classes, science laboratories, family consumer science classes, and or extracurricular activities.