

**GREGORY-PORTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT DRESS CODE
2009-10**

Student Dress Code

The student dress code is established to promote school safety, improve the learning environment, protect instructional time, and promote positive behavior.

Shirts

1. In grades PK-4, acceptable shirts may have graphics, printed designs, pictures, lettering, and logos.
2. In grades 5-12, the two types of acceptable shirts are:
 - Polo-style shirts, solid colors only; no logos; no lettering; and
 - GPISD school spirit and GPISD organization shirts (pre-approved by campus administration).

In Grades PK-12:

3. Midriffs may not show at any time, including when arms are raised overhead or when seated or bent over.
4. No sleeveless shirts, mesh, or sport jerseys may be worn.
5. All shirts, if worn outside of pants, must be no longer than fingertip length.
6. Shirts with buttons or snaps must be buttoned or snapped appropriately. The top button or snap only may be open.

Pants, Jeans, Shorts, Skirts, Skorts

1. In grades PK-4, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.
2. In grades 5-12, shorts, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than the top of the kneecap.
3. In grades PK-6, students may wear sweatpants or warm-ups.
4. In grades 7-12, students may not wear sweatpants, windpants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups, coveralls, overalls, or pajama-style pants.
5. In grades 5-12, pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, and skorts may not have any lettering, including in the decoration or in the design.

In Grades PK-12:

6. Pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, and skorts may have a small brand label.
7. Pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, and skorts must fit properly. No sagging or oversized pants, jeans, or shorts may be worn.
8. No bicycle shorts, wind shorts, see-through mesh shorts, or cut-offs may be worn.
9. No soccer, basketball, or athletic style shorts may be worn (except in PE/Athletics, Band, or Cheerleading classes.)

Dresses and Jumpers, Grades PK-6

1. In grades PK-6 only, girls may wear dresses and jumpers that are properly hemmed. Jumpers must have an acceptable dress code shirt underneath.
2. In grades PK-4, dresses must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.
3. In grades 5-6, dresses must be no shorter than the top of the kneecap.
4. No dresses that are sleeveless, backless, or have spaghetti straps may be worn.

Sweatshirts, Pullover and Cardigan-Style Sweaters, Vests, and “Hoodies”

1. In grades PK-6, students may wear sweatshirts with sleeves, pullover and cardigan-style sweaters, vests, and “hoodies” that have graphics, printed designs, pictures, and logos.
2. In grades 7-12, students may wear sweatshirts with sleeves, pullover and cardigan-style sweaters, vests, and “hoodies” that are:
 - Solid color only, no logos; no lettering; and
 - GPISD school spirit and GPISD organization attire (pre-approved by campus administration).

In Grades PK-12:

3. Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, and “hoodies” must be worn with an approved dress code shirt.
 4. Sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, and “hoodies” may have hoods, but hoods may not be worn indoors.
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Outerwear - Coats, jackets and windbreakers are defined as outerwear.

1. Outerwear may have hoods, but hoods may not be worn indoors.
2. Outerwear must be no more than one size larger than fitted size.
3. An approved dress code shirt must be worn under outerwear at all times.
4. No dusters or trench coats may be worn.

Shoes

1. Shoes must be a matching pair and worn at all times.
2. Shoes must be tennis or athletic-style; tie, Velcro, or loafer-style; sandals; or regular boots.
3. Shoelaces must be properly laced, tied, and matching.
4. Shoe or boot heels must be no higher than 2 inches.
5. No para-military style boots, shower or house shoes, shoes with wheels, or rollerblades may be worn.
6. Additional restrictions may be imposed for shoes required for P.E., athletics, science, etc.

Uniforms

1. No school activity uniforms may be worn other than during the activity for which the uniform is designed.
2. Students who are members of nationally recognized organizations (i.e., scouting) may wear the uniform(s) approved by that organization to school if the uniform(s) meets the requirements of this dress code.

Additional Guidelines

1. Students are not allowed to wear clothing that advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, cult- or gang-related material, or clothing that is sexually suggestive or demeaning to other people. This includes gothic attire and skulls.
2. Clothing must be appropriately sized to the student. No tight, low-cut, or revealing clothing may be worn.
3. Caps, hats, head coverings, bandanas, gloves, arm socks, hoods, or sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
4. In grades PK-6, leggings may be worn under approved pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers.
5. Clothing cannot be worn that creates a distraction.
6. All clothing must be properly hemmed and/or have finished edges.
7. Sufficient underclothing must be worn, but not be visible.
8. All tattoos must be covered and hidden from view. No body art, writing, or pictures may be displayed on the body.
9. Boys may not wear earrings, makeup, or nail polish.
10. Students may not wear black nail polish or black lipstick.
11. Students may not wear nose studs, nose rings, tongue rings, or any other body piercing objects with the exception that girls may wear earrings.
12. No ripped, torn, or cut clothing is allowed.
13. Hair must be clean, neat, out of the face, and away from the eyes. Hair may not hang below the eyebrows. No distracting hairdos including Mohawk-type styles, symbols shaved into the hair, or hair dyed unnatural color(s) is allowed.
14. All boys must be clean-shaven and may not have mustaches or beards. Sideburns cannot extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
15. No excessive makeup or jewelry is allowed.
16. The color of contact lenses must be natural eye colors only.
17. No hanging straps, chains, or bandanas may be worn.
18. When clothing is layered, all visible clothing, including the outermost layer of apparel, must be appropriately buttoned and hemmed.
19. In grades 9 – 12, purses and “sack packs” may be carried. Multi-pocketed bags, backpacks, book bags, and briefcases are not allowed.
20. Principals may designate special occasion days with guidelines that vary from this dress code as appropriate.
21. The sponsor, coach, or other employee in charge of an extracurricular or co-curricular activity or special class, in cooperation with the campus administration, may impose additional guidelines on the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity or class.

Administrators have discretion on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress code, including matters not specifically covered in the student dress code.