

GREGORY-PORTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT DRESS CODE
2007-08

Student Dress Code

The student dress code is established to promote school safety, improve the learning environment, recapture instructional time, reduce ethnic and racial tensions, and promote positive behavior. Students are not allowed to wear clothing that advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, or cult-related material or clothing that is sexually suggestive or demeaning to other human beings. This includes gothic and gang-related attire including skulls.

Shirts

1. **Midriffs may not show at any time, including when arms are raised overhead or when students are seated or bent over.**
2. Acceptable shirts include:
 - polo-style shirts;
 - solid color (not white) T-shirts;
 - oxford-style shirts;
 - G-P club or G-P spirit shirts that are pre-approved by campus administration; and
 - shirts with turtlenecks.
3. No sleeveless shirts may be worn.
4. All shirts, if worn outside of pants, must be no longer than fingertip length.
5. The color of shirt must contrast with the color of other apparel. Black with black, black with navy, and/or black with dark brown are unacceptable.
6. In grades 7-12, shirts may be solid color or a printed pattern but may not have lettering or graphics (printed pictures); Shirts that are part of a coordinated outfit may be worn in grades K-4.
7. Shirts may have a logo no larger than two inches in diameter.
8. No mesh or sport jerseys may be worn.
9. Added that camisoles, tank tops, and undershirts are underclothing and, if worn, must not be visible.

Pants, Jeans, Shorts

1. Pants, jeans, and shorts must be fitted and properly hemmed. Pants must be full-length or capri-length.
2. The hem of shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.
3. Pants, jeans, and shorts may have a small brand label in grades 7 – 12. There is no restriction on brand labels in grades K-6.
4. In grades PK-6 pants, jeans, and shorts may have an elastic waist and may have decorative appliques.
5. No sweatpants, windpants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups, coveralls, overalls, or pajama-style pants may be worn in grades 7-12. Students in grades K-6 may wear sweatpants or warm-ups.
6. No baggy or oversized pants or shorts may be worn.
7. No bicycle shorts, wind shorts, see-through mesh shorts, surf (board) shorts, or cut-offs may be worn.
8. No soccer or athletic style shorts may be worn (except in PE/Athletics, Band, or Cheerleading classes).

Skirts, Skorts

1. In grades 7-12, the hem of skirts must be at least to the top of the kneecap. Skirts may have a kick-pleat or slit which opens no higher than the top of the knee-cap.
2. In grades K-6, the hem of skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.
3. In grades K-12, the hem of skorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.
4. Skirts and skorts may have a small brand label in grades 7-12. There is no restriction on brand labels in grades K-6.

Dresses

1. Dresses and jumpers may be worn by girls enrolled in grades K-6. Jumpers must have a shirt underneath that meets dress code standards for shirts.
2. No sleeveless or backless dresses or dresses with spaghetti straps may be worn.
3. Dresses must be properly hemmed, and the length must be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.

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.

Pullover Sweatshirts, Pullover Sweaters, and Vests,

1. Pullover sweatshirts, pullover sweaters, and vests must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length.
2. Scoop neck, V-neck, low neck sweatshirts, pullover sweaters, and vests must be worn with an approved dress code shirt. Crew neck sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn without a shirt.
3. Sleeveless or capped sleeve sweatshirts may not be worn.
4. Pullover sweatshirts, pullover sweaters, and vests may have hoods, but hoods may not be worn indoors.
5. Pullover sweatshirts, pullover sweaters, and vests may have a 2" logo but may not have lettering, or graphics.

Outerwear

1. Coats, jackets, hoodies, windbreakers, and cardigan-style sweaters are defined as outerwear.
2. Plain Outerwear with a 2" logo or smaller may be worn indoors. Outerwear with lettering and/or graphics may not be worn indoors.
3. Outerwear may have hoods, but hoods may not be worn indoors.
4. Outerwear must be no more than one size larger than fitted size.
5. Approved shirts must be worn under outerwear at all times.
6. No dusters or trench coats may be worn.
7. GP club, GP spirit, or collegiate outerwear that is pre-approved by administration may be worn indoors.

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. Leather, suede, spandex, nylon, and vinyl materials are not allowed for shirts, pants, shorts, jeans, skirts, skorts, jumpers, sweatshirts, vests, or sweaters.
2. Clothing must be appropriately sized to the student and no more than one size larger than the student's measurements. 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. Leggings may not be worn in grades 7-12 but may be worn in grades K-6.
5. Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or 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. Camisoles, tank tops, and undershirts are underclothing and, if worn, must not be visible.
8. All tattoos must be covered and hidden from view.
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. No distracting hairdos including Mohawk-type styles 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 clothing, including the outermost layer of apparel, must be appropriately buttoned, hemmed, and in accordance with the Student Dress Code.
19. In grades 9 – 12 backpacks, book bags, and briefcases are not allowed. Purses no larger than 8"x10" are 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 and all matters concerning grooming and dress not specifically covered in the student dress code.