

Parkwood Middle School Dress Code 2015-2016

Parkwood Middle School holds high expectations for all students to represent the school in a way that exemplifies good character. Parkwood Middle has a standard dress code policy for all students to ensure students have the opportunity to go to school in an environment conducive to learning without disruption because of student dress or appearance. Administration reserves the right to deem any article of clothing or accessory inappropriate if it distracts from, or causes an interruption to, the learning environment. Words, logos, slogans, pictures, or acronyms on garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, sexual activity or profanity are not allowed. The education of our students is the highest priority and students' clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose. The administration and staff at Parkwood Middle School believe that all students should seek to represent themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times.

Students and parents need to be familiar with the policy as students are to adhere to the policy while on school grounds or while participating in certain off campus school functions. Field trips will be addressed on an individual basis depending on the nature of the trip. Manufacturer's logos may be visible but should be no larger than the size of a standard business card (3½ in. X 2 in.)

Tops:

1. Shirts must be a Polo (golf shirts with a collar), button down dress shirt, or Parkwood spirit wear. Polo shirts and button down dress shirts must be one of the following SOLID colors: royal or navy blue, white, black, grey. *Approved Parkwood spirit wear may be long or short sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies, or light jackets; spirit wear can be PWMS or PWHS.*
2. Shirts must not have any words or graphics, unless it is approved Parkwood spirit wear. All Polo and button down dress shirts must be cotton or cotton blend (no sheer fabric or blouses). Scoop neck, v-neck, and sleeveless are NOT allowed for any apparel.

Outerwear: Sweaters, sweatshirts/hoodies and lightweight jackets

1. Outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts/hoodies and lightweight jackets) must be one of the following colors: royal or navy blue, white, black, grey or Parkwood spirit wear. *Logos cannot be larger than a standard business card (3½ in X 2in.) unless it is on approved Parkwood spirit wear.* Words, graphics and writing are only permitted on approved Parkwood spirit wear.
2. Students are allowed to wear lightweight jackets (NOT HEAVY or BULKY COATS) in approved school colors (royal or navy blue, white, black or grey). Logos cannot be larger than a standard business card (3½ in X 2in.) unless it is on approved Parkwood spirit wear. Words, graphics and writing are only permitted on approved Parkwood spirit wear.
3. Hats, gloves and heavy coats are NOT permissible in the classroom; they must be placed in the locker before homeroom.

Bottoms:

1. Bottoms must be one of the following solid colors: khaki, navy or black.
2. Bottoms must not contain any words or graphics.
3. Bottoms must be cotton or cotton blend or corduroy.
Blue denim, velvet, velour, sweat, nylon, flannel, and knit bottoms are NOT allowed.

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4. Bottoms must fit appropriately at the waist so undergarments do not show and must not be tight or of the skinny, leggings, or jegging style. “Yoga” style pants are NOT allowed.
5. Bottoms must not sag, be oversized, be baggy in the seat or worn below the waist.
6. Bottoms can be shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris but must be fingertip length or longer.

Belts and accessories:

1. If worn, belts may be of any color/design/graphics as long as it does not have any inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drug references, alcohol, or other items deemed inappropriate.
2. Collars, bracelets or necklaces with spikes or oversized chains are not permitted.

Shoes: (must be worn at ALL times while on school grounds):

1. Shoes with strings must be tied, and buckles, straps, or Velcro must be fastened.
2. Shoe heels and soles must not exceed 2” in height.
3. Socks may be of any color or design as long as it does not have any inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drug references, alcohol, or other items deemed inappropriate.

Bags:

1. Book bags may be brought to and from school but must be left in the locker throughout the day. Students may not carry their book bags to class. Students are expected to utilize their lockers to access school materials throughout the day.
2. Students may carry laptop bags to class. Laptop bags are to be used for carrying the student Chromebook and charger only. Laptop bags are not to be used as a substitute for a backpack or gym bag/drawstring bag.
3. Gym bags (drawstring bags) and athletic gear should only be carried to and from the gym. No bags shall be carried or worn during the academic day.

PE Dress code: dressing out is a requirement NOT an option!*

1. **Bottoms** must be plain (no text/graphics) solid black, royal or navy blue, or grey athletic shorts (must be fingertip length), sweat pants, or basketball pants. Students must change into clean dress code pants after PE class.
2. **Shirts** must be solid royal or navy blue, white, black, grey (no text or graphics) or Parkwood spirit wear. Students must change into a clean shirt after PE class.
3. **Shoes** must be fastened athletic shoes that cover the entire foot.
4. In cold weather, appropriate outerwear may be worn. Expect that students will go outside if the air temperature and or wind chill is over 32 degrees and below 95 degrees.
5. Parkwood PE shorts and t-shirts may also be worn and will be available for purchase.

** Students are expected to dress out for PE and should not wear their PE clothes outside of PE class.*

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The following items are not allowed:

1. No blue denim jeans (except on approved dress down days).
2. No pajamas, flannel pants, loungewear, “yoga” style pants, (wind pants, sweatpants or sport slicks are only allowed during PE class).
3. No bedroom shoes, slippers, steel-toed shoes, cleats or heelies.
4. No bandanas, hats, headscarves, sunglasses or gloves (non-prescription eyewear is not permitted). The exception to this rule is students who practice a religion that requires the wearing of yarmulkes and headscarves. These students will be allowed to wear those items.
5. No clothing with holes, frays, rips, patches or tears.
6. No clothing that causes a disruption to the learning environment.
7. Nose and lip piercings are limited to a single stud (no rings, gauges, or hoops). Due to safety issues, students may be required to remove their jewelry.

Any other items worn must not undermine the integrity of the dress code or serve as a disruption to the educational process.

If necessary, the administrative staff will meet to approve any attire not covered by the dress code. The principal reserves the right to repeal or amend any changes to the policy as necessary and will communicate all changes to the students, parents/guardians, and staff in writing prior to implementing any changes. The principal also reserves the right to waive any of these rules for special days, events or occasions as predetermined and adequately communicated to students, parents/guardians, and staff.

Students that are found in violation of the Standard Code of Dress will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the grade level administrator and building principal. Disciplinary action may range from an after school detention, simple and/or occasional violations to suspensions for students who continually and willfully violate the Standard Code of Dress. Students who come to school inappropriately dressed or not in compliance with the dress code may be held out of class until the violation is reasonably corrected. Absences from class as a result of dress code violations will be ruled unlawful.