

## Penn-Delco School District Dress Code Policy and Guidelines

The Penn-Delco School District believes that students should be well groomed, clean, and neatly attired at school and at school functions. According to research by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, appropriate dress for school:

- Positively influences student academic performance and interaction with other students.
- Positively affects classroom environment.
- Improves school climate by decreasing the negative effects of peer pressure regarding clothing.
- Increases school spirit and pride.

District Policy	Guidelines
Students are not permitted to wear jackets and coats in school.	All students should leave their outer coats in their lockers upon arrival.
Head wear (hats, scarves, bandannas, etc.) is prohibited from being worn in any school building during school hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students should remove hats when upon entering the school.</li> <li>• All hats, scarves, bandannas, etc. are to be left in their locker.</li> </ul>
Sneakers or shoes must be worn at all times.	Students are not permitted to wear flip-flops, slides, or slippers.
Clothing that espouses violence, hatred, prejudice, depicts alcohol or drugs, or is found to be offensive such that it creates the risk of disruption is prohibited.	Students must wear attire that is respectful and not offensive to others.
Students are not permitted to wear extreme fashions (bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, short-shorts, etc.) and worn-out clothing (holes, torn, rips, etc.).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must wear shirts that cover their shoulders and midriffs.</li> <li>• Students are not permitted to wear shirts that expose cleavage.</li> <li>• Shorts and skirts must reach a student's fingertips when they are standing up with arms fully extended downward.</li> <li>• Shirts and/or pants cannot have excessive tears or rips that expose students' skin.</li> <li>• Students' pants must be worn at or above the waist. Excessive baggy-style pants that expose areas below the waist are not permitted.</li> </ul>
Students are not permitted to wear extremes in apparel, jewelry, or grooming which is distracting, disruptive, disrespectful, revealing, or unsafe. For example, chained wallets and spiked jewelry are not permitted.	
Undue attention to an individual's dress which distracts from the seriousness of the instructional process must be avoided.	

**Please keep the dress code policy and the following guidelines in mind as students begin back to school shopping for the 2010-2011 school year. The School Board policy will be implemented throughout the entire school year. If a student's dress is deemed distracting, disruptive, disrespectful, revealing, or unsafe appropriate disciplinary action will follow.**

If any parent or student has any questions regarding the information provided above, they are strongly encouraged to discuss the matter with their school principal. Thank you for your cooperation.