

## **Dress Code 3.13**

### **SECTION THREE - Pupil Personnel**

The Penn Delco School District Board of School Directors recognizes that the legislative authority to provide for a Dress Code Policy has been provided through 24 P.S. § 13-1317.3.

The Penn Delco School District Board of School Directors hereby adopts the following mandatory Dress Code for all students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

Based upon the legislature's intent and Penn Delco School District's own experience, the Penn Delco School District Board of School Directors strongly believes that the following support such a Dress Code.

1. Such a Dress Code will help to establish and maintain a more positive atmosphere conducive to education.
2. Such a Dress code will help to instill student discipline.
3. Such a Dress code will help to eliminate peer pressure dealing with student attire.

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### **DRESS CODE**

Students should be well groomed, clean, and neatly attired when in school or at school functions.

1. Students are not permitted to wear outer jackets and coats in school.
2. Head wear (hats, scarves, bandannas, etc.) is prohibited from being worn in any school building during school hours.
3. Sneakers or shoes must be worn at all times.
4. 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.
5. Students are not permitted to wear extreme fashions (bare midriiffs, halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, short-shorts, etc.) and worn-out clothing (holes, torn, rips, etc.).
6. Students are not permitted to wear extremes in apparel, jewelry, or grooming which are distractive, disruptive, disrespectful, revealing, or unsafe. For example, chained wallets and spiked jewelry are not permitted.
7. Undue attention to an individual's dress which detracts from the seriousness of the instructional process must be avoided. Therefore:
  - a. Clothing which exposes bare shoulders, armpits, midriiffs, and/or cleavage is prohibited. Examples are: halter tops, tube tops, and tank tops.
  - b. Clothing which exposes excessive areas above the knee is prohibited. Examples are short shorts, too short skirts or shorts.
  - c. All pants or shorts must be worn at or above the waist. Excessively baggy- style pants or any styles,

- which expose areas below the waist are prohibited.
- d. See-through clothing is prohibited.
  - e. Undergarments should not be exposed
  - f. These examples are illustrative but not necessarily exhaustive.

If, in the opinion of a representative of the Administration or faculty, a student's dress is deemed distracting, disruptive, disrespectful, revealing, or unsafe, the student's parent/legal guardian will be notified, and the student will be removed from the classroom or school function until properly attired.

It is the firm belief of the Penn-Delco School District Board of School Directors that student dress affects attitude, behavior, and accomplishment.