

Dress code:

What to look for at PNMS

- Dyed hair must be natural and blend
- No feathers in hair
- Boys no earrings. Girls in ears only.
- Boys no sleeveless shirts
- Girls' straps must be at least 2 inches across by themselves at the thinnest point. No racerbacks.
- Neckline must not be too low and revealing
- Pants must be worn at the waist, no skin or garments showing
- If leggings are worn, top must be at least fingertip length
- Skin must not show through garments
- Dresses and shorts must extend beyond fingers when relaxed by sides
- Garments must be hemmed and have no holes
- T-shirts must be appropriate (No skulls, profanity, weapons, beer, liquor, double meaning, etc)

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

In establishing appropriate standards for school dress, PN-GISD believes that school is a more formal environment than other settings and those students should dress accordingly. It is not the intention of the school district to regulate fashion, but rather to encourage appropriate school appearance for all students. Not only are appropriate student dress and grooming important factors in the orderly operation of school, but also in the future, students will certainly have to follow dress codes of employers and some institutions of higher learning.

- **DRESS LENGTH & STYLE:** Garments shall be mid-thigh or longer in length. They must be longer than the fingertips when relaxed arms are extended by the student's side. Dresses that are cut low in the front are not to be worn to school.
- **EARRINGS:** Boys may not wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings in ears only. No other body piercing is allowed.
- **FACIAL HAIR:** No beards or goatees are allowed. Sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear. Mustaches and sideburns must be neatly trimmed.
- **HAIRSTYLES:** Extreme hairstyles and hair color will not be permitted. Hair must be neat, clean and out of the eyes. Any hair color or style that causes undue attention to the wearer will not be permitted.
- **HATS AND CAPS:** Hats and caps are not allowed on campus. Hoods are not to be worn.
- **PAJAMAS OR UNDERGARMENTS** worn as an outer garment will not be permitted.
- **PANTS/SHORTS:** Must be worn at the waistline. In addition, pants and shorts must fit at the waist, and must be longer than the fingertips when relaxed arms are extended by the student's side. No chains or metal hardware allowed. All clothing must be hemmed. Holes in clothing, frayed or patched clothing are not allowed.
- **SHIRTS:** Shirts and other clothing that display or imply obscene or distasteful slogans or advertise tobacco, drugs, alcohol or weapons may not be worn. Shirt shoulder seams must fit on the shoulder. Shirts/blouses must cover at least 2 inches of the shoulder on each side. Garments with bare midriffs may not be worn. Wearing a jacket over a shirt that is not dress code appropriate will not be allowed. Low-cut shirts or blouses are not to be worn to school.
- **SHOES:** Students must wear shoes at all times while on campus. No slippers.
- **TATTOOS:** Tattoos must not be visible.

Any dress/grooming/appearance standard not described in the dress code above that is judged by the campus principal or his/her designee to be disruptive or unsafe may be addressed as a violation of the dress code. Any gang indicator or gang related clothing or accessories, as identified by the Port Arthur Police Department Gang Task Force, or any local law enforcement, is a violation of the dress code.

Dress Code Notice: If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.