

PNMS Dress Code 2015-2016

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, to **prevent disruption**, to minimize safety hazards, and to **teach respect for authority**. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards provided they comply with the guidelines listed below.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. (*We reserve the right* to update and revise our dress code as fashion and popular styles bring in unacceptable trends.) The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations including, but not limited to the following:

GARMENT LENGTH: Must be **knee length** or closer to the knee than to the hip.

PANTS/SHORTS: Spandex, Lycra, PE, or bicycling shorts may not be worn as outside garments at any time. Shorts must be hemmed and closer to the knee than to the hip. Pants/Shorts must fit and be worn at the waistline. Clothes that have holes where skin is exposed, are tattered, frayed, or with unnecessary patchwork are not allowed. Students are not to wear pajama bottoms or pants that look like pajamas to school.

DRESS/BLOUSE/SHIRT STYLE: Boys are not allowed to wear shirts with no sleeves. Girl's tops and tank tops with large open armholes, open back and/or bare shoulders, and/or spaghetti straps are not allowed, unless accompanied by a shirt beneath that covers shoulders, back, and midriff. Girl's sleeveless tops must cover shoulders on each side. No razor back or modified razor backs are allowed. Wearing a jacket/sweater over dress/shirt/blouse that is not in dress code will not be allowed. Clothes transparent to the point that undergarments can be seen through the clothing are not allowed.

SHIRTS: Shirts or other clothes that display/imply (printed or picture) obscene or distasteful slogans or advertises tobacco products, drugs, alcoholic beverages, weapons or anything deemed gang-related are not allowed. Undergarments or pajamas worn as outer garments will not be permitted. Shirts/blouses must cover the shoulder on each side. Garments with bare midriffs may not be worn. Midriff must remain covered when arms are fully extended above shoulders. Wearing a jacket/sweater over shirt/blouse/dress that is not in dress code will not be allowed.

HATS/CAPS: Hats/caps are not allowed on campus unless worn as a part of a school organization uniform or as part of a special activity approved by the administration.

SHOES: Students must wear shoes at all times while on campus. Slippers or house shoes are not allowed. Any shoe that creates a safety issue will not be allowed.

HAIR STYLES: Hair must be neat, trimmed and well groomed. Hair should not cover a student's eyes or be **cut, colored** or **styled** in any way that attracts undue attention. This includes colored or bleached portions of hair. Students may not have designs cut into their hair. Facial hair is not allowed on boys at the middle school.

The District prohibits pictures, emblems or writing on clothing that:

1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL). 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.

PNMS considers repeated dress code offenses defiant behavior and may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary actions, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series] It is important that everyone recognize that school is a more formal experience and the type of apparel worn should reflect that fact. Clothing should be neat and clean at all times. Clothes tattered, frayed, with unnecessary patchwork, or with holes where skin is exposed are not acceptable. All clothing must be hemmed. Classrooms should be free of distractions of any type, including apparel, so that students have a learning environment that provides opportunity for academic success.