

Pioneer Valley

General Dress Code Guidelines

Modesty will be maintained at all times.
Clothing will be worn as it is intended.
Compliance to follow any staff directions is required.

Purpose: We expect students to follow all uniform and dress code expectations. We are preparing students for the work world, and we expect students to dress appropriately daily. Clothing and accessories that interfere with learning and safety of the student and others will be addressed. The following expectations set some specifics on what is permissible during school hours and school sponsored events. If you are unsure if something is acceptable, check the guidelines below or check with administration prior to wearing questionable attire to school.

General Dress Code Overview

Hats, hair coverings, and sunglasses are removed while in the building. Hats are ok outside.

Hair needs to be appropriate and not cause a safety concern or disruption.

Shirts must completely cover the shoulders. Muscle shirts and tank top are not allowed.

Jewelry and accessories need to be minimal to eliminate disruptions and for safety reasons.

Shirts must have school appropriate images and language.

Shirts must fully cover the front, back and sides, and be long enough to cover the stomach.

Jeans, sweatpants, and slacks that have no unpatched holes, chains, or studs are acceptable. They must fit and be worn on the hip. No sleepwear please.

All pants must fit over the student's bottom and stay in place when standing, walking, and sitting. No undergarments of any kind may show.

The lengths of shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length.

Yoga/workout pants and leggings MUST be worn with a top/skirt/shorts that is at least fingertip length.

Covered shoes where all parts of the foot are covered must be worn at all times. Sandals, high heels greater than 1 ½", house slippers, and/or skate shoes are not allowed.

Athletic shoes are REQUIRED for P.E./Fitness.

General Dress Code Guidelines in Detail

Hair and Hats: Hair coverings, bandanas, hats, and sunglasses may not be worn at school. If a student wears one of these items to school, the item must be removed before entering the building and stored in the student's backpack. Hats may be worn at recess. Hair needs to be school appropriate and not cause a safety concern or disruption.

Clothing: All clothing needs to be appropriate for school. Markings or insignias on clothing or the body must not be obscene, suggestive, or advocate disruption, sexual, or illegal activity. Clothing may not advertise or promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang affiliation or

activity or weapons. Please recognize that gang symbols often change and that administration reserves the right to make changes to this category in cooperation with local law enforcement.

Shirts: Modesty is a dominant theme for clothing. Shirts must be high enough near the neck to have the front, sides and back be covered. Shirts can have no unpatched holes. Shirts must completely cover the shoulders. Muscle shirts and tank tops are not allowed, or shirts with the large arm holes. Shirts must be long enough to cover the stomach. Visible cleavage when sitting or standing is not allowed.

Bottoms: Modesty is a dominant theme for clothing. Pants, which are jeans, sweat pants, or slacks are acceptable. Pants can have no un-patched holes or show any skin. Students are not to wear pajamas, sleepwear, pants with studs or chains, overalls or suspenders. Pants, sweats, skirts and shorts need to fit the student and be worn on the hip. The lengths of shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length when the arms are at the side. Yoga/Workout pants and leggings are NOT allowed unless worn with a top/skirt/shorts that is fingertip length. All bottoms must be purchased big enough to fit over a student's bottom and stay in place when standing, walking, and sitting. If underclothing of any kind is showing, the student will contact home to have new clothing that fits and covers the body brought to school. There are no exceptions to this rule, even if other pants or shorts are worn underneath.

Backpacks and Jackets: Backpacks and coats/jackets may be worn to school but must be stored during school hours. Students may wear sweatshirts or light jackets during the school day, but thick winter jackets are to be stored in the classroom.

Foot attire: Shoes need to be worn at all times during the school day and must enable students to safely participate in school activities. For safety reasons, covered shoes (meaning all parts of the foot are covered) should be worn at all times. Sandals, high heels greater than 1 ½", house slippers, and/or skate shoes are not to be worn. Athletic shoes are REQUIRED for P.E./Fitness.

Jewelry and Accessories: Jewelry and accessories need to be minimal to eliminate disruptions and for safety reasons. Any attire with any type of spikes, studs, metal or chains of any length can be dangerous and are not allowed. If a student is asked to remove an item, compliance is required. All jewelry must be removed during PE/Sports for safety reasons.

The above items are guidelines, not necessarily an exhaustive list. If you are unsure if something is acceptable, check the guidelines above or check with PVE administration prior to wearing questionable attire to school. The Pioneer Valley Elementary School administration reserves the right to amend this school dress code at any time during the school year, as necessary.

