

Pell City Schools

GROOMING AND DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

The Pell City Board of Education recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming have upon behavior and commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearances. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board requires that all students exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire considered disruptive or that could present a health or safety problem is not appropriate.

With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for all students attending Pell City Schools. Students who fail to follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

1. Any clothing, appearance, or personal hygiene and grooming practices that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student are considered inappropriate for school. The dress and /or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process of any Pell City School.
2. Students must be neat and clean at all times. An unkempt or sloppy appearance is not appropriate in the learning environment of school.
3. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designated to be worn, i.e. clothing worn backward or inside out, suspenders undone are not allowed. Specifically, pants worn too low (low rider, sagging, or slacking), too long (that drag the floor), or excessively large clothing are not permitted.
4. Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner, (Examples: clothing which is too tight, too short, bare at the midriff, bare at the sides, sundresses, “spaghetti strap” type tops, tank tops, and off-the shoulder tops, low-cut front or back tops, sheer or see through, etc.).
5. All clothes should be in a state of good repair, i.e., no holes, no cut-off shorts, etc.
- *6. Students may wear shorts to school under the following stipulations: Shorts must be hemmed. Old worn/torn, or other type cut-off, athletic (gym), umbro other nylon type, spandex, sweat type, tennis, or swimsuit type shorts are not allowed.
7. Length of shorts, dresses, skirts, etc., is required to be at least mid-thigh in both front and back (measured as halfway between top of thigh and knee, not measured by length of fingertips). Length of shorts and dresses must be appropriate whether the student is standing or sitting. Spandex pants, leggings, leotard, etc., may be worn only when the top worn with them meets the mid-thigh requirement. (Long tee shirts are not allowed.)
8. Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories. Which distract from the educational process: excessively noisy jewelry and /or belts. Males may not wear earrings. Facial and / or tongues jewelry is not allowed for males or females.
- 9. T-shirts or any type clothing or personal item bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and or any other wording, drawing, pictures, etc. which in any way can be interpreted as being “off-color,” suggestive, obscene, or offensive, or relating to, death, the occult, Satanism, etc. are not permitted. “Gang” related slogans, names, apparel, etc., are not permitted in school or at any school-related activities.**
10. Caps, hats, bandannas, sunglasses, or other headwear are not to be worn during the regular day.
11. Outerwear (coats, sunglasses, gloves, etc.) are not to be worn in the building during normal school time (unless temperature or individual medical problems dictate this to be appropriate and the proper documentation must be on file in the office).
12. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing vision. Students are not to wear hair dyed in unusual colors, spiked, shave head areas, shave head patterns, (numbers, names, symbols, designs, etc.).
13. Students are not to wear extreme facial make-up.
14. Students should not wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or accessories, etc.
15. Students are required to wear appropriate shoes at all times- no bare feet. Boots with chains, steel toes, or other metal reinforcement or decorations are not allowed. Students may be asked to remove shoes that present a safety risk to students.

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- *17. Gym style sweat pants are not to worn except in physical education. (Sweatshirts are allowed). Nylon warm-up suits that are loose fitting are acceptable.
- 18. The principal or his/her designee will make the final judgment as to whether or not student's clothing is appropriate for school wear.
- 19. Book bags and backpacks must be clear/and or mesh for grades K-12.

Note:

- 1. If there is any question about an article of clothing or jewelry, the student should ask the question whether or not it could be offensive or cause undue attention or distraction. If "YES" is the answer, then the clothing or jewelry should not be worn to school. Students who arrive at school inappropriately dressed will be required to change into appropriate clothing or remove inappropriate jewelry.
- 2. The privileges offered under the school Dress Code may be withdrawn from any student who fails to meet the Code of Conduct in general.
- 3. Students who violate the rules and / or intent of the Dress Code will be subject to punitive action as well as having privileges allowed under the Dress Code withdrawn.
- 4. If any aspect of the Dress Code becomes a consistent problem, appropriate adjustments will be made by the administration to address the situation. For instance, if students consistently fail to meet the guidelines under which they are allowed to wear shorts to school, then that privilege can be revoked for all students.
- * These items will have variances for K-5, which are appropriate to students in this age range.
- ** At the high school level, cheerleaders, and dance team members will be allowed to wear uniforms with opaque tights on game days. At the high school level it is believed that such a practice will help foster school spirit, as well as make others aware of athletic events.