

Dress and Grooming

The district's dress code teaches grooming and hygiene, prevents disruption, minimizes safety hazards, and maintains a positive learning climate. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

All Clothing

- Must be clean and free from holes or tears.
- Must be free from logos, pictures, objects or other symbols that exhibit suggestive or controversial subjects or that would distract from the learning process.
- Logos, pictures, objects or other symbols must not be larger than 2 ½ inches.
- Must be sized to fit. (No sagging, no oversized clothing, no tight-fitting garments.)
- Must be worn as designed for wear (i.e. suspenders worn over the shoulder, no backward or inside out wear).

Dress Code for Students Grades HeadStart/Pre-K through 12th

School issued identification badges at PHS must

be worn on a lanyard around the student's neck and must be visible at all times, and must not be decorated or marred/destroyed so that it is no longer readable.

Tops (All Students)

Shirts allowed are:

- Solid color, collared, pullover, Polo style shirts with button plackets. The shirt must be made with buttons on the placket up to the collar and may be long or short sleeved. The shirt must be worn with no more than three top buttons unbuttoned
- Solid color, collared button up dress shirt/Oxford style, worn with no more than one top button, beneath the collar button, unbuttoned, long or short sleeved.
- Undershirts, such as turtlenecks, camisoles, and tank tops, in any solid color may be worn BENEATH the Polo style shirt.
- Boys' shirts must be tucked into the waistband and the belt must be visible.
- Girls' shirts must be long enough so that the midriff skin is not exposed when arms are raised.
- No sleeveless tops are allowed.
- No crew neck T-shirts are permitted except on campus designated spirit days. On such designated days, the crew neck T-shirt must be school related (i.e. school clubs and organizations, campus/spirit shirts.)
- No undergarments (i.e. bras) are to be exposed.
- Cleavage shall not be exposed.

Pants, Shorts, Capris, Skorts, Skirts

- Solid colored khaki, navy, black, gray or denim pants, shorts, capris, skorts, and skirts are acceptable. Wind shorts, spandex shorts, cutoffs, boxer shorts, athletic or jogging shorts and bicycle shorts/pants are not allowed. All must be worn close to knee or below. Boys must wear belts. (For Pre-K & K, boys are encouraged to wear belts but it is optional.)
- For Pre-K – 5th grade only, any khaki, navy, black, or denim jumper may also be worn.
- Any adornments, decorations, or designs deemed inappropriate by an administrator will not be allowed.
- No undergarments, to include boy's boxer shorts and underwear or girl's panties or thongs, are to be exposed.
- Wind suits are not acceptable.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- House slippers/house shoes are not allowed.
- Stiletto heels are not allowed.
- For grades Pre-K through 5th, flip-flop shoes are not allowed. Shoes must tie or strap on so that shoes are not slung off or kicked off of the students' feet.

Outerwear

- Any color jacket, coat, or sweater, with or without a hood that opens in the front is acceptable.(including Palestine letter-jacket)
- Hoods must not be worn as a head covering inside the building.
- All outerwear must be worn open in the front inside the building.
- No logos larger than 2" are allowed on outerwear except on a Palestine letter-jacket.
- Trench-coats are not allowed.
- No pullover hooded garments are allowed.

Hair

- Male students must be clean-shaven; fuzzy and stubby beginning growth must be shaved.
- A student's hair must be neat and clean, while not distracting or interfering with the learning environment. Styles such as Mohawks, faux hawks, and designs/patterns cut into the hair and/or eyebrows will be considered distracting or disruptive. For male students, the hair must not be touching the top of the collar.
- Hair must be of a natural color. All other colors will be considered distracting or disruptive and will not be allowed.

Additional Guidelines

- No sunglasses, combs, picks, brushes or headgear, including but not limited to hats, caps, sweat bands, bandanas, or do-rags are to be visible during school hours.
- No jewelry or logos that display vulgar or suggestive words or pictures, or ones that display or advertise drugs, violence, alcohol, tobacco, or gangs are permitted.
- No body piercing objects, other than pierced earrings worn by girls, are to be visible. No coverings intended to disguise or conceal them are allowed. No gauges are allowed.
- Skin decorations including permanent or temporary body tattoos, symbols, words, etc. may not be exposed. They must be covered at all times including physical education classes and athletics.

Identification Badges

- Students are required to wear ID badges at all times on campus. School photos from the previous year will be used to make student ID badges which will display the student's name, grade, photo and other pertinent information. Students may choose to wear any school appropriate lanyard.
- Student ID badges are used for security reasons, identifying students and non-students, library privileges, purchasing athletic and activity tickets at reduced student prices, accessing lunch accounts, and for many other valid purposes.
- Students may not deface, decorate, or alter in any way their school issued student ID badges. Students may be required to purchase a replacement badge as deemed appropriate by school personnel.
- Student ID badges **MUST** be worn around the neck and in plain sight at **ALL** times while the student is on campus.
- Replacement ID badges may be purchased through student services. There is a charge of \$5.00 for each replacement badge and \$1 for each replacement lanyard. Payment must be received before the badge will be created and issued. Students must wear a temporary badge while waiting to receive their new badge.
- Only I.D. badges issued by Palestine High School will be allowed. Wearing another student's I.D. badge or giving your badge to another student will result in disciplinary action for all students involved.

- Students may purchase a replacement ID Badge from 7:30-7:55 a.m., in order to avoid disciplinary consequences. Once the school day begins students will be issued disciplinary consequences for not having their ID Badge on campus.
- Persistent violations may result in more serious disciplinary actions.

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.