

PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE

The Board believes that pupils should be neatly and cleanly dressed. This dress code applies to both genders and will be enforced at school sites, at school functions, and on school buses. The dress code is adopted to promote standards of dress and grooming that promote a safe school setting conducive to a positive learning environment.

1. Pupils must dress safely. For example, shoes must be worn at all times at school or during school activities.
 2. Pupils must dress appropriately for activities in which they will participate so as not to endanger their health, safety, or welfare.
 3. Clothing, hats, tattoos, and jewelry shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia, which are crude, vulgar, profane, obscene, libelous, or sexually suggestive. Clothing or jewelry that advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice, or other unlawful acts, or the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol is prohibited.
 4. Dark glasses shall not be worn indoors unless a documented health related problem exists.
 5. **Clothes shall be clean so as not to promote unhealthy or unsanitary conditions. Underwear-type sleeveless shirts, see-through, fishnet fabrics, or other attire which expose the body in a sexually suggestive manner, bare midriffs, tube tops, halter tops, tank tops, tops with spaghetti straps, etc., are not acceptable.**
 6. Bandannas, "do" rags, and hair nets are not allowed.
 7. **Clothing will be worn as its design was traditionally intended. For example, pants must be worn with the top around the wearer's waist (NO SAGGING OR STACKING PANTS).**
 8. **Earrings and other body piercing items are to be worn in ears only.**
 9. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Haircuts or hairstyles that draw undue attention to the wearer or detract from the educational process are not acceptable.
 10. **Attire that may be used as a weapon may not be worn (e.g., steel-toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, etc.).**
 11. Pupils shall not display any material or paraphernalia which incites a disruption of the school process or creates a clear and present danger of either the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of district or school-site policies or rules.
 12. Gang-related apparel or paraphernalia, including symbols, emblems, insignia, or other gang identifiers, may not be worn or displayed. This rule prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute, denotes membership in or affiliation with gangs. In case of doubt as to whether an item is gang related, the principal or designee will consult with local law enforcement or other school personnel with expertise in gangs.*
- *Such items confiscated may be turned over to the local law enforcement agencies for appropriate action. Confiscated items will not be returned to the student. Parents may request return of items from the appropriate agency. Items will be kept for one month and then soon thereafter will be discarded.
13. Any apparel, hairstyle, cosmetic, accessory, or jewelry, even if not specifically mentioned above, that creates a safety or health concern, draws undue attention to the wearer, or tends to detract from the educational process, is prohibited.