



Pershing Middle School Dress Code 2018-2019

The Purpose of The Dress Code

Ensure a safe learning environment

Promote a climate of effective discipline that doesn't distract from the educational process

All students will be checked prior to entering the building to ensure that dress code is being followed. Students who are out of dress code will have to call their parents to bring their dress code clothing or they will be placed in In-School Suspension for the day.

All Clothing

- Clothing must be solid colors, without variations or patterns.
- Clothing must be clean, neat, and mended. Clothing must not contain rips, holes, cuts, etc., that extend through the fabric.
- Clothing must be properly fitted. Clothing should be neither skin-tight nor excessively baggy.

Shirts & Tops

- All shirts must be a suitably sized short sleeve or long sleeve crew neck or "polo" style shirt. Crew neck shirts must be solid-colored with "Pershing" logo on it. Polo style shirts must be solid-color and be free of any logos. Shirt sleeves cannot be rolled up. No "tall" or oversized shirts are allowed.
- Uniform shirts will be available for purchase at the School Store.
- Grade-level colors:
 - 6th Graders - Grey
 - 7th Graders - Red
 - 8th Graders – Black
- **ONLY WHITE** undershirts or undershirts that are the COLOR OF THE GRADE LEVEL are allowed. Undershirts may be shown under the outer shirt as long as no writing/graphics are visible. Undershirts must be tucked in.
- On Fridays, students may wear approved Pershing spirit shirts or school club/team shirts (band, student council, sports, dance, theatre, etc.). Shirts must have sleeves.

Note: These Are the Only Styles of Shirts That Are Acceptable.

Pants, Capri Pants, Skirts, Skorts And Shorts

- Must be solid-colored khaki tan.
- Pants must not fall below the waistline.
- Skirts/skorts/shorts length must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Only solid tan, solid white, or solid black leggings may be worn under skirts; length of skirt must be the same with or without leggings.
- Oversized, undersized, tight-fitting, spandex, torn pants/shorts/skirts will not be permitted.
- The legs of pants/shorts cannot be rolled up.
- Stripes, embroidery, patterns, and logos are not allowed.
- Nylon fleece and sweat pants are not allowed.
- On days where "free dress" is allowed, students may wear solid blue denim jeans. Jeans cannot have rips, holes, or cuts that extend through the fabric.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes with rollers/wheels underneath are not permitted.
- For safety reasons, platform shoes, spiked heels, combat boots, steel-toed boots, or any backless shoes (including clogs, house shoes, flip-flops, and sandals) are not allowed.

Identification Cards

- Student identification cards must be attached to a lanyard worn around the students' neck and visible at all times.
- Students are not allowed to deface identification cards. Information on the ID must be clearly visible.
- Replacement "ID" cards cost is \$5.00. Lanyard replacement cost is \$1.00.

Outer Garments

- Sweatshirts/sweaters that are a solid color with "Pershing" logo may be worn in the classrooms. They must be in their grades' assigned color (Grey for 6th grade, Red for 7th grade and Black for 8th grade).
- Hooded sweatshirts and sweatshirts with pockets are not allowed on campus.
- Note: Jackets must be placed in lockers during the day. They cannot be worn in the building, classrooms, hallways, or community areas between 8:20 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Our building's temperature fluctuates, so we recommend that students wear their Pershing sweatshirt. Blankets are never allowed on campus.

Additional Dress and Grooming Regulations

- Oversized purses/backpack purses (anything larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches equal to the size of a sheet of paper) will NOT be allowed in classrooms.
- Backpacks cannot be taken into classrooms or worn/carried in the building during the instructional day (8:20-3:50).
- Jewelry that distracts from the educational process is not allowed. This includes anything depicting gang membership, death, suicide, violence, the occult, drugs, sex, race, gender, obscenities, alcohol or anything else deemed inappropriate.
- Wallet chains or dog collars are not allowed.
- Head wear (hats, caps, bandanas, scarves, headbands, etc.) or hair grooming devices (combs, picks, etc.) are not allowed. Head wear worn for religious purposes is always allowed.
- Sunglasses are not allowed.
- Tattoos or a marking from markers or pens on exposed skin are not allowed.
- Only piercing in the ears is allowed.

Free Dress Days

- A polo shirt is not required, but a shirt with sleeves must be worn.
- Shirts do not have to be grade level color and do not have to be a solid color.
- Clothing may not have any ornamentation which is disruptive or offensive.
- Sweat pants, fleece pants, pajama pants, spandex pants, etc. are not allowed.
- Skirts/skorts/shorts length must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.
- Oversized, undersized, tight-fitting, torn pants/shorts/shirts will not be permitted.

The school administration is the final arbitrator on what detracts from the educational process.