

DRESS CODE POLICY

All students attending Pin Oak Middle School will be required to follow the Pin Oak Dress Code. All articles of the uniform are to be maintained and worn in a way that represents the individual students and the school in a positive way. Students are required to wear the uniform to school and throughout the entire day until leaving for the day. The provisions of the dress and grooming code shall be enforced equally with regard to all students to whom the provisions apply.

All clothing must be:

- Solid-colored, without variations, patterns, words, or ornamentation
- Clean, neat, no rips, holes, cuts, etc. that extend through the fabric
- Properly fitted – clothing should be neither skin-tight nor excessively baggy

“Tops” [clothing above the waist]:

- Colors: **royal blue, white, or gray**. Please check with office personnel for color sample if needed.
- Students must wear a collared shirt; collared shirts with the Pin Oak logo are available at the School Store.
- All other shirt logos may not be larger in size than the student ID badge.
- Undershirts may be worn in one of the three approved colors. Turtleneck and long-sleeved shirts may be worn under the regular uniform shirt.
- A **solid color** sweater or sweatshirt in royal blue, white, or gray, without variations in color or patterns may be worn over students’ regular uniform apparel. Sweatshirts may have a hood or zipper. Logos for sweatshirts and outerwear may not be larger in size than the student ID badge.
- Any POMS official team or club sweatshirt or jacket may be worn as appropriate outerwear so long as a dress code top is worn underneath.
- Charger Spirit Shirts may be worn only on Charger Days.
 - Charger Spirit Shirts must be in school colors: royal blue, white, or gray. Any previous year’s spirit shirts not in school colors may not be worn.
 - Charger Spirit Shirts can be purchased in the School Store.

“Bottoms” [clothing below the waist]:

- Colors: **navy blue, khaki, blue denim, or official school tartan (only)**
- Bottoms may be pants, skirts, shorts, skorts, capris, or jumpers—khaki material (only).
 - Clothing with holes or tears is not permitted.
 - Sweatpants, fleece pants, pajama pants, spandex pants, athletic shorts, athletic leisure (Lululemon skirts), etc. are not allowed.
- Must be fitted at the waistline and appropriate in length.
 - **Skirts and shorts are to be no more than 4” from the center of the knee cap.**
- If there is a question of inappropriateness of bottom length, even given this guideline, the decision of the staff will prevail.
- Leggings or tights (not sweatpants) may be worn under bottoms. Acceptable colors include solid white, gray, navy, khaki, or black (only).

Accessories and Grooming Standards:

- Shoes must be closed-toe with a back strap around the heel and have a rubber sole. The thickness of the heel and/or sole may not be more than one inch.

- For safety reasons, platform shoes, spiked heels, combat boots, steel-toed boots, or any backless shoes (including flip flops, slides [including “Croc” style], and house shoes are prohibited.
- School-issued student ID badge must always be attached to a lanyard and visible when on school property and on school-sponsored trips, including the school bus. Students are not allowed to deface identification cards. Information on the ID must be clearly visible.
- Jewelry and makeup are permissible unless they are distracting, disruptive in the classroom, or specifically addressed in the planner.
- Bracelets with metal spikes are not permitted.
- No writing with markers or pens is allowed on any article of clothing.
- Exposed tattoos and/or use of pens, pencils, or markers to make marks on the skin are also inappropriate for school and expressly prohibited.
- No hats, animal ear headband, or head-covering are permitted other than those required by religious practice or in IEP/504. Hoods must stay down while on HISD property and during school events.
- Smart watches must remain in the student locker during the school day and are not permitted in the classroom, hallways, or bathrooms.
- Blankets should not be worn inside the building.

Special Circumstances and Events:

- On Charger Days, students may choose to wear approved Pin Oak spirit, club, or organizational shirts (following dress code policy).
- Team uniforms are permitted to be worn only on game days, with the approval of the coach.
 - Athletic team tops and bottoms worn on game days instead of a uniform top or bottom must meet regular dress code guidelines.
- School Functions – Students must wear regular dress code attire when attending a school function on campus.
- Field Trips – Students must wear regular dress code attire when attending a field trip, even if the trip is on a Friday or Theme Day.
- On Theme Days, students are expected to maintain dress code standards with the following exceptions:
 - A collared shirt is not required, but a shirt with sleeves must be worn
 - Pajama apparel, sweatpants, yoga pants, and Spandex-type pants are never appropriate for free dress
 - Additional criteria may be announced for special days

Failure to comply with the Pin Oak Dress Code will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to off-campus suspension. Teachers may notify their house assistant principal that students are out of dress code to at any time during the school day. If the assistant 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. If a POMS administrator determines that a student’s grooming or dress violates the school’s dress code, disciplinary action may be taken.

Pin Oak administration reserves the right to determine if a student’s dress is a disruption to the educational process. All such decisions are final.