

DRESS CODE FOR ALL STUDENTS **PORT NECHES-GROVES ISD**

In establishing appropriate standards of school dress, it is not the intention of the school district to attempt to regulate fashion or to determine what is or is not in style, but to encourage good grooming in students. It is important that everyone continue to recognize that school is a more formal experience and the type of apparel worn should reflect that fact.

Clothing should be neat and clean at all times. Tattered, frayed, or unnecessarily patched clothing is not acceptable.

Length of Shorts/Skirts: Shorts and skirts shall be mid-thigh or longer in length (measured by when the longest finger of the hand touches thigh, when in a standing position with arms and hands extended by the side).

Shorts: No spandex, lycra, P.E. or bicycling shorts may be worn as outside garments at any time. Shorts must be hemmed.

Baggy Pants/Shorts: Pants and shorts must be worn at the waistline. Garments must fit at the waist.

Dress Length & Style: Tops with large open armholes, open back, and/or bare shoulders are not allowed. Dresses that are cut low in the front, should not be worn to school. Dresses that are transparent, to the point that undergarments can be seen through the clothing, will not be allowed. Dresses should reach mid-thigh or lower.

Shirts: Length of shirts may not exceed the length of shorts. Shirts or other clothing which displays or implies (printed or pictured) obscene or distasteful slogans or advertises tobacco products, drugs, or alcoholic beverages may not be worn. Undershirts worn as outer garments—torso, tank, or muscle shirts—will not be permitted. Any type of blouse that has extremely small shoulder straps will not be permitted. Garments with bare midriffs may not be worn.

Hats and Caps: Hats and caps are not allowed on students in the building unless worn as part of a school organization uniform or as part of a special activity approved by the administration.

Shoes: All students must wear shoes. Shoes without a strap on the back (thongs or flip-flops) create a safety hazard and must not be worn to school. Shoes with cleats are not allowed in the building.

Hairstyles: Extreme hairstyles will not be permitted. Hair must be neat, trimmed, and well groomed.

Facial Hair: No facial hair allowed on middle school students. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed and may not extend below the bottom of the ear.

Earrings: Boys cannot wear earrings. Girls may wear earrings in ears only. Students may not wear earrings, studs, etc., in any pierced body area other than girls may wear earrings in pierced ears.

Tattoo: Tattoos must not be visible.

Students will be warned and allowed to call home for appropriate clothing on the first violation of the dress code. A second violation of the dress code will be considered defiant behavior. (Defiant behavior is punishable by assignment to in school suspension (ISS). Any additional dress code violations will result in suspension from school.