



Paul R. Smith Middle School



Student Dress Code Policy

In order to promote an orderly learning environment at Paul R. Smith Middle School, please review the following guidelines for student dress. These guidelines pertain to all viewable items, including but not limited to: clothing, jewelry, a student's skin, and a student's academic/personal items.

Guidelines



- Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to approximately mid- thigh. Tops must have straps at least 1" across. Undergarments must not be viewable.
- Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- Shorts and pants should be secured at the waist and be modest with no undergarments or underlayers exposed.
- Shoes shall be worn for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation.
- Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational environment.

Prohibited by Dress Code

- Clothing that includes profanity in any form, sexually suggestive images, words, or phrases, and violent images
- Advertisements of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or anything which identifies the student as a member of anti-social groups or gangs
- Exposure of underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner that disrupts the orderly learning environment
- Abdomen skin or underwear exposed
- Jeans or pants with rips or holes that expose undergarments, areas of the body that would generally be covered by undergarments or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Hats, bandanas, or head coverings, unless previously approved for medical reasons, religious reasons, or special school activities designated by the Principal
- Tank tops, strapless or spaghetti strap tops
- Any top with a neckline that dips below a line formed between the right and left armpit and any top that does not clearly overlap the student's waistline
- Clothing that is so tight as to be see through
- Leggings, yoga pants, spandex, tights or similar clothing (unless covered by a shirt down to mid- thigh)
- Pajamas or other costume-type attire, unless worn for designated dress-up days



The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final as long as it does not contradict official policy (student code of conduct).