

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DRESS CODE
DR. DIXIE MELILLO MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Shirts may be any color. Logos are allowed just as prints, pictures, stripes and plaids are allowed. Logos shall not reference death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Shirts shall be appropriately sized with sleeves and free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Shirts must remain tucked in at all times.

Pants and /or jeans may be any color. Pants/jean should be free of designs and hemmed. Pants/jeans must meet the following criteria:

- All pants/jeans must be appropriately sized, fitted and worn at the waist. No hip huggers are allowed.
- All pants/jeans must be fitted in the crotch and legs, not baggy or excessively tight. Pants/jeans with hammer loops or of a cargo style are not permitted. Pockets on pants/jeans are acceptable at the waistline only.
- All pants/jeans must be of proper length and must not touch the floor.
- All pants/jeans must be free of slits.
- All pants/jeans must be one continuous solid color free of manufactured fading or bleaching.
- Pants/jeans must be free of holes or tears.
- Leggings/Jeggings are not allowed.
- Undergarments must not be visible through pants/jeans.
- Capri pants are permitted as long as they meet all criteria listed above.

Dresses/Skirts/Jumpers may be any color and must be hemmed. Prints, pictures, stripes and plaids are allowed. Dresses/skirts/jumpers shall be free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Dresses/Skirts/Jumpers shall be worn by female students only. Dresses/Skirts/Jumpers must meet the following additional criteria:

- All dresses/skirts/jumpers must be appropriately sized, not baggy, or excessively tight.
- All skirts must be fitted and worn at the waist. No hip hugger skirts are allowed.
- All dresses must have sleeves.
- Manufacturer slits on dresses/skirts/jumpers can come no higher than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- All dresses/skirts/jumpers must be free of manufactured fading or bleaching.
- All dresses/skirts/jumpers must be free of holes and tears.
- The hem length of all dresses/skirts/jumpers must be no higher than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- Undergarments must not be visible through skirts/jumpers

Shorts/Skorts are not allowed.

Belts are required for garments made with belt loops. Belts should be securely fastened at all times.

Spirit shirts may be worn on days designated by the campus principal. Girl Scout and Boy Scout uniforms are appropriate at any time. Spirit shirts are defined as the shirt with the Melillo logo and the Guidelines for Success on them. Field day shirts, other campus shirts, etc. are not Melillo Spirit Shirts and may not be worn throughout the year.

Shoes – Students must wear shoes with backs that are appropriate for school. (Students participating in physical education activities must have appropriate shoes.) Skate shoes are not permitted. Shoes must be securely fastened at all times with shoe straps velcroed and/or shoelaces tied. Flip Flops are not allowed.

Sweaters/Sweat Shirts/Light Jackets/Hoodies may be worn over the standardized shirt. Sweaters/sweat shirts/light jackets shall be appropriately sized and free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Campus letter jackets or light jackets with an approved campus-specific logo are permissible. Students are allowed to wear hoodie jackets but may not, at anytime, have the “hood” on their heads while on campus.

Coats/Jackets may be worn to campus provided they are placed in the student’s locker or designated storage area upon arrival and not removed until the conclusion of the school day.

Backpacks/Bookbags no longer are required to be clear, transparent or mesh. Backpacks with wheels are not allowed. Backpacks/Bookbags must be placed in the student’s locker upon arrival and not removed until the conclusion of the school day. Purses in excess of 8” x 10”, satchels and briefcases shall be prohibited. Purses may not be worn as backpacks.

All other rules and regulations, as defined in the Student Code of conduct, regarding dress and grooming shall apply.

- The principal and assistant principal(s) are authorized to make determinations regarding whether any fashion, fad, hair, jewelry or article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear or disruptive to the educational process or safety of the campus.

In addition, the following standards of student dress and grooming shall be maintained:

1. Hair must be neat, clean, well groomed, and may not have shaved designs of any kind, such as, but not limited to, straight lines, curvy lines, shapes, words, team logos, etc. Mohawks are not allowed.
2. Hair color must be of “natural” hair colors. Colors such as burgundy, neon red, blue, purple, green, etc. are examples of inappropriate hair colors. Students and parents should check with school administration prior to changing hair color for clarification.
3. No type of head covering, cap or hat (such as, bandanas, sweatbands, etc.) may be worn on campus. No hair rollers, hair picks, or long-handled combs may be worn on campus. Hats such as, but not limited to, baseball style caps, cowboy hats, etc. may not be brought to campus.

4. Sideburns must be kept neatly trimmed and must not extend below ear level or flare at the bottom.
5. Symbols and/or styles which are identified with gang membership or representation shall not be allowed. A list of prohibited symbols and/or styles is posted next to the Student Code of Conduct in the principal's office. Students are responsible for reviewing the posted list to determine prohibited symbols and/or dress styles.
6. Mustaches and beards are prohibited, and faces must be clean-shaven.
7. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned within one button of the throat.
8. Halter tops and shirts or blouses with plunging necklines are prohibited. Tank tops or undershirts worn as outer garments are also prohibited. The midriff must not be exposed when the student goes through the normal activities of a school day (bending, stretching, etc.).
9. Articles of clothing, garments, make-up and accessories with inappropriate decorations or advertisements are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, any item that depicts the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, sex, human anatomy, drugs or alcohol.
10. Revealing or excessively tight garments are prohibited. Appropriate foundation garments and/or undergarments must be worn. Undergarments such as bras, underwear, briefs, boxers, etc. should not be visible from underneath the shirt and/or pants/jeans. They must not be visible at any time while on campus.
11. Pants or shorts may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or conceals contraband.
12. Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately sized and may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or conceals contraband. Shirts must be tucked into pants or skirts. (See posted list in main campus office for gang affiliated attire.)
13. Patterned contact lenses are prohibited.

**EARRINGS/
BODY PIERCING**

Males are not permitted to wear earrings of any type. Students are not permitted to wear other non-traditional rings (nose, lip, etc.). Clips, posts, spikes and/or other devices designed to prevent the piercing area from closing are not permitted. Students are not allowed to wear gauges or other devices to expand the earlobe. Students may not wear more than two earrings in each earlobe. Earrings larger than 1" in diameter or length are prohibited.

TATTOOS

All tattoos must be appropriately covered.

VIOLATIONS

When a student's dress or grooming violated the guidelines provided herein, the principal shall request that the student make corrections and may take appropriate disciplinary action. If the problem is not corrected, the student may be assigned in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected. Repeated dress code offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action.

MEDICAL

The principal, area superintendent, or superintendent may grant

EXCEPTIONS an exception to any of the above provisions if a student has a physical or medical condition rendering compliance with the provisions detrimental to the student's physical health.

INTERPRETATION OF APPROPRIATENESS The principal and assistant principal(s) are authorized to make determinations regarding whether any fashion, fad, hair, jewelry or article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear or disruptive to the educational process or safety of the campus.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES The principal and the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity may regulate the dress and grooming of the students participating in or attending the activity.

GUIDANCE CENTER Students assigned to the Guidance Center are to follow the district-wide dress code policy as designated by the Pasadena ISD Student Code of Conduct.