

**Dr. Dixie Melillo Middle School
Pasadena Independent School District
2019-2020 Student Dress Code**

The Pasadena Independent School District has established the following standardized dress code for students.

Shirts

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. Undergarments must not be visible through the shirt.

Pants and/or Jeans

Pants and/or jeans may be any color and must be hemmed. The fabric may have appropriate designs. Pants/jeans shall be free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs, or weapons. Pants/jeans must meet the following additional 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.
- Pants/jeans must be free of holes or tears.
- Undergarments must not be visible through pants/jeans.
- Capri pants are permitted as long as they meet all criteria listed above.

Dresses/Skirts/Jumpers

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/jumpers/skirts 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 dresses/skirts/jumpers.

Shorts/Skorts

School Grades PK-6:

Shorts/skorts may be any color, hemmed, appropriately sized, and the length must be no higher than 2 inches above the kneecap. The fabric may have appropriate designs. Shorts/skorts shall be free of inappropriate designs which include, but are not limited to, those related to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Undergarments must not be visible through shorts/skorts. Denim shorts/skorts may be any color, hemmed, appropriately sized, and no higher than 2 inches above the kneecap. Shorts with hammer loops or of a cargo style are not permitted. Pockets on shorts/skorts are permitted at the waistline only. Students will participate in physical education activities with the clothes they wear to school.

School Grades 7-12:

No shorts/skorts will be allowed.

Belts

Belts are required for garments made with belt loops in grades 3 through 12. Belts should be securely fastened at all times.

Spirit/D.A.R.E. Shirts

Spirit/D.A.R.E. shirts may be worn on days designated by the campus principal. Girl Scout and Boy Scout uniforms are appropriate at any time.

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 with laces or velcro straps must be securely fastened at all times.

Sweaters/Sweat Shirts/Light Jackets/Hoodies

Sweaters/sweat shirts/light jackets/hoodies of any color may be worn over the standardized shirt. Sweaters/sweat shirts/light jackets/hoodies 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.

Coats/Jackets

School Grades PK-4:

Coats or jackets worn by students will be placed in an area designated by the teacher upon arrival to the campus, and the coats/jackets will remain in this area while students are in the classroom.

School Grades 5-12:

Coats may be worn by students 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.

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. ****Mohawks are not allowed.**
2. No type of head covering, cap or hat (such as bandannas, sweatbands, etc.) may be worn on campus. No hair rollers or long-handled combs may be worn on campus.
3. Sideburns must be kept neatly trimmed and must not extend below ear level or flare at the bottom.
4. 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.
5. Mustaches and beards are prohibited, and faces must be clean-shaven.
6. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned within one button of the throat.
7. 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.).
8. 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, drugs or alcohol.
9. Students at elementary school campuses may not use any type of cosmetics, including, but not limited to, mascara and artificial nails. Nail polish is acceptable.
10. Revealing or excessively tight garments are prohibited. Appropriate foundation garments and/or undergarments must be worn.
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. (See posted list in main campus office for gang affiliated attire.)
13. Patterned contact lenses are prohibited.
- **14. 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 administrators for clarification.

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...). Students are not allowed to wear gauges or other devices to expand the earlobe. Clips, posts, and/or other devices designed to prevent the piercing area from closing are not permitted. Elementary students may not wear more than two earrings in each earlobe. Earrings larger than 1” in diameter or length are prohibited for elementary students.
TATTOOS	All tattoos must be appropriately covered.
BADGES	Student identification badges are required in high schools and may be required by intermediate schools. Badges shall be replaced at the expense of the student if the badge is lost, stolen, broken, deformed, or distorted. The campus principal will specify when and how the badge is to be displayed.
VIOLATIONS	When a student’s dress or grooming violates 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 EXCEPTIONS	The principal, associate superintendent for campus development, or superintendent may grant 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.

Book Bags, Backpacks and Purses

Book bags and backpacks may be prohibited on any secondary campus under the authority of the campus principal. The campus principal may permit clear, transparent or mesh book bags or backpacks on campus provided the items are placed in the student's locker upon arrival and not removed until the conclusion of the school day. The principal may require clear or transparent backpacks only. Purses in excess of 8" x 10", satchels and briefcases shall be prohibited. Purses may not be worn as backpacks.

Elementary students shall be permitted to bring backpacks and book bags to school. The principal may require clear, transparent, or mesh backpacks only.

**At Melillo MS, backpacks / bookbags are not required to be clear, transparent, or mesh. Backpacks with wheels are not allowed. Backpacks must be placed in the student's locker upon arrival and not removed until the conclusion of the school day.