

Dress for Success

Parkwood Middle School holds high expectations for all students to represent the school in a way that exemplifies good character. Parkwood Middle has a standard dress code policy for all students to ensure students have the opportunity to go to school in an environment conducive to learning without disruption because of student dress or appearance. Administration reserves the right to deem any article of clothing or accessory inappropriate if it distracts from, or causes an interruption to the learning environment. Words, logos, slogans, pictures, or acronyms on garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, sexual activity or profanity are not allowed. The education of our students is the highest priority and students' clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose. The administration and staff at Parkwood Middle School believes that all students should seek to represent themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times. Students and parents need to be familiar with the policy as students are to adhere to the policy while on school grounds or while participating in certain off campus school functions. Field trips will be addressed on an individual basis depending on the nature of the trip.

Tops:

A. Shirts must be a Polo (golf shirts with a collar), button down dress shirt, or Parkwood spirit wear. Polo shirts and button down dress shirts must be one of the following SOLID colors: royal or navy blue, white, gray, or black. ***Approved Parkwood spirit wear may be long or short sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies, or light jackets; spirit wear can be PWMS or PWHS.*** No other school's spirit wear will be allowed.

B. Shirts must not have any words or graphics, unless it is approved Parkwood spirit wear. All Polo and button down dress shirts must be cotton or cotton blend (no sheer fabric or blouses). Sleeveless tops are NOT allowed for any apparel.

C. The outer layer will determine if dress code requirements have been met.

Outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts/hoodies, jackets and coats):

A. Outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts/hoodies, jackets and coats) must be one of the following colors: royal or navy blue, white, black, grey or Parkwood spirit wear. **Outerwear may NOT have any other colors on them.**

B. Hats and gloves are NOT permissible in the classroom.

C. Students are not to wear hoods in the building at any time.

Bottoms:

A. Bottoms must be one of the following solid colors: khaki, navy, gray, or black.

B. Bottoms must not contain any words or graphics.

C. Bottoms can be shorts, skirts, skorts, or capris, but must be fingertip length or longer.

D. Bottoms must be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy. Blue denim, velvet, velour, sweat, nylon, flannel, and knit bottoms are **NOT** allowed.

- E. Bottoms must fit appropriately at the waist so undergarments do not show and must not be tight or of the skinny, leggings, or jegging style. “Yoga” style pants are **NOT** allowed.
- F. Bottoms must **NOT** sag, be oversized, be baggy in the seat or worn below the waist.

Masks:

- A. Students need to wear a mask at all times when on the Parkwood Middle School campus except during designated **mask breaks** provided by staff members at given times.
- B. When considering mask content, administration reserves the right to deem any article of clothing or accessory inappropriate if it distracts from, or causes an interruption to the learning environment. This **also applies to masks**. Words, logos, slogans, pictures, or acronyms on garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, sexual activity or profanity are not allowed. The education of our students is the highest priority and students’ clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose. The administration and staff at Parkwood Middle School believes that all students should seek to represent themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times.

Belts and accessories:

- A. If worn, belts may be of any color/design/graphics as long as it does not have any inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drug references, alcohol, or other items deemed inappropriate.
- B. Collars, bracelets or necklaces with spikes or oversized chains are not permitted.

Shoes (must be worn at ALL times while on school grounds):

- A. Shoes with strings must be tied, and buckles, straps, or Velcro must be fastened.
- B. Shoe heels and soles must not exceed 2” in height.
- C. Socks may be of any color or design as long as it does not have any inappropriate graphics, play on words, innuendos, illegal drug references, alcohol, or other items deemed inappropriate.

Bags:

- A. Bookbags may be carried to all classes except related arts classes. Students may not carry any rolling bookbags.
- B. Students may carry a laptop bag to related arts class. Laptop bags are to be used for carrying the student Chromebook and charger only. Laptop bags are not to be used as a substitute for a backpack or gym bag/drawstring bag.
- C. Gym bags (drawstring bags) and athletic gear should only be carried to and from the gym. No bags shall be carried or worn during the academic day.

The following items are not allowed:

- A. No blue denim jeans (except on approved dress down days).
- B. No pajamas, flannel pants, loungewear, “yoga” style pants.
- C. No bedroom shoes, slippers, steel-toed shoes, or cleats.

D. No bandanas, hats, hoods, headscarves, sunglasses or gloves (non-prescription eyewear is not permitted). The exception to this rule is students who practice a religion that requires the wearing of yarmulkes and headscarves. These students will be allowed to wear those items.

E. No clothing with holes, frays, rips, patches or tears.

F. No clothing that causes a disruption to the learning environment.

G. Nose and lip piercings are limited to a single stud (no rings, gauges, or hoops). Due to safety issues, students may be required to remove their jewelry.

H. Students participating in athletics will not be allowed to wear sweat pants or workout pants during the school day.