

PORTER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students should dress appropriately for school each day. The clothing should not be a distraction in the learning environment and should be comfortable for all school activities. The education of our students is our highest priority and students' clothing should not serve as a hindrance to that purpose. Clothing must cover all undergarments and the midriff. Logos or garments that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, nudity, or profanity are not allowed.

NONCOMPLIANCE: Failure to comply with the administration will result in disciplinary action, which may include out of school suspension.

Appropriate dress for school will be:

- **Students are not permitted to wear pajamas or bedroom slippers.**
- No muscle shirts, camisoles, tube tops, strapless shirts or spaghetti strap shirts without short sleeve t-shirts underneath *even when covered by another garment.*
- **Tank tops are permitted as long as the straps are at least 3 fingers or two inches wide.**
- Shirts must cover the midriff at all times.
- Pants for boys and girls must fit at the waist. Undergarments must not be visible.
- **Shorts are permitted, but must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the knee.**
- Shoes are to be worn at all times on school property. Shoes having/needling laces must be tied.
- No deep plunging or see-through shirts. All shirts should adequately cover the chest area.
- **No skirts/dresses can be shorter than two inches (2") above the knee. The slit in a skirt may not come higher than two inches (2") above the knee.** This rule still applies if leggings or stockings are worn.
- No **inappropriate** holes or frays will be permitted more than four inches (4") above the knee. (*As determined by administration*).
- Open back shirts are not permitted.
- No inappropriate graphics (i.e., words, drawings, pictures, autographs, symbols) is allowed on clothes or bodies.
- **No Leggings or Yoga Pants (unless covered by appropriate clothing down to four inches (4") above the knees).**
- No bandanas/Hats/Headscarves /"Doo Rags"/Sunglasses/Hoods up in the school building.
- No 2" or higher heel shoes.
- No chains hanging from clothing, no spiked jewelry, no weapon-like or sharp jewelry is allowed.
- Any clothing that causes a distraction in the learning environment or is deemed inappropriate is prohibited as determined by administration.

PE attire shall consist of the following:

- Shorts (To be purchased from the PE department.)
- T-shirt (Also, to be purchased from the PE department.)

Consequences for Dress Code Violation

In effort to keep students in class and minimize the loss of instructional time, the administrative staff will use the procedures listed below when dealing with dress code violation. When a staff member believes a student is in violation of the Dress Code:

1. The student will be sent to the main office to meet with an administrator about the dress code violation.
2. An administrator will determine the appropriateness of the student's outfit and provide the student with a change of clothes (i.e., t-shirt and/or sweat pants).
3. If the student does not want to wear the clothes provided, then the administrator will contact the parent.
4. The parent can bring the student a change of clothes or have the student to change into the clothes that are available (i.e., t-shirt and/or sweat pants).
5. ***The student will not be able to return to class until the violation is corrected.***

*If you have any doubts about the appropriateness of your outfit, **you should bring a change of clothes to school.** Chronic offenders will be assigned disciplinary consequences.