

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is important for the North Putnam Community School Corporation to maintain a safe and appropriate learning environment. We know that student's clothing and appearance can be distracting to other students and can interfere with learning. With this in mind, we are concerned about the personal appearance of our students. Current fashion trends and styles should not dictate the dress code for North Putnam Community School Corporation. With the cooperation of parents, the school will continue to encourage all students to dress in a fashion that the staff and parents judge to reflect good taste and a style appropriate for a school day. We believe that an appropriate student dress code will allow students to focus on high academic standards and will assist us in promoting school safety. This dress code provides a consistent mode of dress for students of North Putnam Community School Corporation.

We realize that questions will sometimes arise concerning a student's dress, appearance, or clothing "fads". In these cases, building administrators will determine the appropriateness of the student's appearance and will determine whether his or her appearance is disruptive to the learning environment or is inappropriate for safety reasons. Periodically students will be allowed to dress differently than the above policy indicates because of spirit days or other special occasions. Such days and style of dress will be determined by the administration.

### **Dress Code Standards:**

1. Appearance should be clean, neat, and appropriate.
2. Caps, hats, bandanas, headbands, or sunglasses are to be removed when entering the building.
3. Students are required to wear appropriate footwear at all times. Flip-Flops\* are not to be worn at the elementary school level. Heeleys or other wheeled shoes are not allowed at school.

\*Flip-Flops (also known as thongs) are a flat, backless, usually foam/rubber soled footwear consisting of a flat sole held loosely on the foot by a U-shaped strap that passes between the first (big) and second toes and around either side of the foot.

4. Coats or jackets are to be stored in the student's locker during the school day.
5. Pants/Shorts are to be fitted and worn at the waist. Shorts are to be at or below knee length and pants shall not be long enough to drag on the floor.
6. Skirts are to be at or below knee length and slits are not to extend above the knee. Skirts must not drag on the floor. Dresses must comply with skirt and shirt/top rules. Leggings may only be worn if the covering garment is at or below the knees.
7. Shirts and tops are to have sleeves that cover the shoulders and not expose undergarments. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked-in. Shirts and tops not tucked-in must remain below the waistline at all times. In addition, all shirts longer than the mid-thigh must be tucked-in. No exposed cleavage, back, or midriff will be allowed. Shirts must fit properly, regardless of style, and must not expose anything below the arm pit line.

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8. The following are items that are not acceptable for students to wear during the school day:
  - a. Form fitting clothes
  - b. Sheer/see-through fabrics
  - c. Pajamas (leisure wear)
  - d. Clothing with holes, rips, or tears
  - e. Wallet or pocket chains
  - f. Any item that could cause harm to self, others or school property, promotes drugs, alcohol tobacco products or any illegal substance, depicts violence, sexual innuendoes, racial/religious slurs or is gang related.
9. Students are not to wear jewelry to school that is attached through piercing anywhere except the ears and a single clear plastic flat non-obtrusive post in the side of the nose. There are a variety of safety factors the school has considered for piercing of the tongue, nose, lip, mouth, eyebrow, and any additional areas other than the ear. School officials also reserve the right to forbid certain types of jewelry that may be determined to be dangerous such as collars and bracelets with long pointed spikes.

Students who wear objectionable items will be dealt with appropriately. This may include the changing of clothes at school, having parents bring other clothing, removing the student from classes, etc. Repeat offenders will be dealt with following the school's disciplinary procedures and may include a more restrictive dress code. The dress code would include and apply to all athletic and PE uniforms that are worn during the school day.