

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

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<p>1. Purpose Title 22</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">221. STUDENT DRESS CODE AND GROOMING</p> <p>Pennsylvania school law provides that school districts establish codes of dress where issues of safety and/or substantial disruption to the education process and climate are jeopardized. Students have the right to govern the length of style of their hair, dress and attire unless such length or style constitutes a health or safety hazard.</p> <p>The district administration is authorized to establish standards of dress for special events, including but not limited to, graduation ceremonies, music concerts, induction ceremonies, and other such school related functions.</p> <p>We are fortunate to live in a free society with freedoms of choice and expression. Students have the right to express themselves unless such expression materially and substantially interferes with the educational process, threatens immediate harm to the welfare of others, the school or community, encourages unlawful activity, or interferes with another individual's rights.</p> <p>Starting in the 2013-2014 school year, all elementary and middle schools will have the uniform dress code. Students are expected to wear black or tan bottoms (no jeans) and a polo tops (collared shirt) of red, white, or black or a combination thereof. Students will be expected to comply with this dress code.</p> <p>The following is an itemization of clothing or conditions deemed to be inappropriate dress for pupils in the Coatesville Area School District:</p> <p><u>Section I – General</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tattered, torn, or ripped clothing is prohibited. 2. Spandex or skin-tight is prohibited, unless an accompanying top covers the hips, buttocks, and cleavage in an appropriate manner. 3. Excessive baggy pants or clothing that can conceal items and/or pose a safety hazard are not permitted. 4. Under clothing may not be exposed. 5. Gloves are not permitted to be worn in school.
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Section II – Tops

1. Tops may not be "low cut" or revealing. Bare midriffs, bare backs attire is not permitted.
2. The following items are unacceptable:
 - a. Tank tops/muscle shirts.
 - b. Spaghetti straps (shoulder straps must be at least 3 fingers wide) halter/mesh tops.
 - c. See-through blouses or shirts.
 - d. Tube-tops or crop tops.
 - e. Bullet proof vest (including "look-alikes").
3. Any top that is skin-tight, or allows the midriff, cleavage, or undergarments to be exposed is not permitted. Revealing tops are inappropriate.
4. Coats, jackets, or garments designed for protection from outside weather are not to be worn in school.

Section III – Pants, Shorts, Skirts, Skorts

1. Pants, shorts, and skorts must be secured and worn no lower than the hip. Low riding, sag style is not permitted.
2. Length of pants should not extend beyond the bottom of the shoe and should not drag on the floor, to a point of being unsafe.
3. Tear-away pants, pajama pants, boxer shorts worn as outerwear are not permitted.
4. All shorts, skirts, skorts, and slits in skirts must touch the bottom of the fingertips with arm fully extended.
5. Cut-offs, or clothing with holes, of any type are not permitted.

Section IV – Offensive Dress

1. Clothing, patches, buttons, pins, jewelry, back packs are not permitted if they:
 - a. Have sexually suggestive writing/pictures.
 - b. Advocate violence.
 - c. Advertise or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
 - d. Have double meaning wording or obscene language/gestures, disrespectful, or satanic in nature.
 - e. Advertise or promote the release of an individual from a correctional institution.
2. A tattoo must be covered if it:
 - a. Has sexually suggestive writing/pictures.
 - b. Advocates violence.
 - c. Advertise or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
 - d. Is disrespectful, or satanic in nature.

Section V – Footwear

1. Footwear must be worn at all times.
2. Any shoe that poses a safety hazard is not permitted. CASD will not accept any responsibility for injuries.
3. Shoe with laces must be tied.

Section VI – Jewelry

1. Spiked jewelry, chains, or any jewelry that could cause injury or constitute a hazard are not permitted.

Section VII – Headwear

1. Hats, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, visors, and sweatbands are not permitted.
** Exceptions will be granted to students for religious reasons, if a note is on file from the parent/guardian.

Section VIII – Health and Hygiene

1. Any apparel that is judged to be unhealthy or unsanitary (e.g., clothing that is dirty and/or gives off a foul odor) is not permitted.
2. Each student is expected to maintain good personal hygiene.

The Administration will give consideration to appropriateness of the above for "Spirit Days", athletes and cheerleaders.