

PWMS Student Dress Code

Students are encouraged to dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the academic activities of the school. Cleanliness is an indication of personal pride...be proud. PWMS adheres to the guidelines adopted by the Sumner County Middle School Principals. Parents/Guardians need to help students adhere to the dress code. Dressing appropriately can save a call home for a change of clothing, spending the day in isolation, or being sent home. All Teachers and Staff at Portland West Middle School comply with the dress code.

AVOID:

- Sagging trousers and slacks or those dragging the ground
- Trousers that have attached chains or other hardware
- No holes in the pants or shirts
- Clothing related to gangs (bandanas etc.)
- Pajamas, sleepwear, or house shoes
- Underwear showing
- Shorts above the knee-cap
- Mesh/Gym shorts
- Shirts without sleeves (must have sewn in sleeves)
- Suggestive slogans, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other inappropriate insignias or writings of the clothing and lettering across the seat of garments
- Bare midriffs, halters, fishnet, or tank tops
- Revealing necklines
- Spandex, form-fitting or body conforming outer clothing
- Skirts and slits in the skirt above the knee-cap
- Footwear with cleats
- Dog collars or jewelry/belts/bracelets with studs
- Extreme hair coloring, hair extensions, or hairdos (includes carved objects, letters, or numbers in the hair)
- Uncovered tattoos
- Body piercing except in the ears
- Black or Gothic lipstick
- Black, Gothic, or White-out on fingernails
- Large necklaces, big beaded necklaces, or multiple chains
- Headgear of any kind inside the building (avoid baseball style caps at school)
- Grills
- Autographing of bodies or clothing
- Tinted glasses/sunglasses unless prescribed by a physician
- Trench coats
- Roller shoes

The administration reserves the right to order a change in one's dress when, in the opinion of the administrator, it is detrimental to the educational environment at Portland West Middle School