

Dress Code

Putnam County Charter School System seeks to promote a positive and safe learning environment with the establishment of a uniform dress code policy. No student should dress in a manner that is disruptive or has an adverse effect on school. These minimum standards for student attire have been developed. **Clothing must be of an appropriate size and fit.** The school principal or designee will make the final determination of whether a student's attire or appearance conflicts with these standards. (Adopted by the BOE July 2022)

FOR ALL ASPECTS of APPEARANCE: Articles of apparel, including patches on clothing, jewelry, or hair styles must not contain alcohol, tobacco, and other drug advertisements, obscene or inappropriate words or designs.

Tops:

- Boys and Girls: Tops, any solid color, can be collared or non-collared.
- Solid T-shirts, blouses, button-down collared shirts, polo style shirts or school spirit shirts may all be worn. Large brand logos are not permitted (i.e., Old Navy, Polo, etc.), but small insignia logos on pockets are permitted.
- Solid colored sweaters and vests may be worn over shirts.

Bottoms:

- Girls: Solid, any color, pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, Capri pants or pants/slacks, or jeans. **Bottoms that are distressed or have holes are prohibited.**
- Boys: Solid pants, slacks, or jeans. **Bottoms that are distressed or have holes are prohibited.**
- Shorts, skirts, skirts, skorts, dresses and jumpers must be knee length.
- Belt buckles must be plain and of a solid color. They should not be oversized. They should not bear offensive messages, images, nor have an electronic buckle.
- Clothing should fit properly so that no underwear is showing.
- Jogging pants are not allowed.
- Leggings/jeggings/stretch pants are not allowed as a standalone item of clothing. Leggings may be worn under a uniform dress, skirt, or skort.

Outer Wear:

- The Uniform dress code shall not prohibit students from wearing coats, jackets, and sweaters when necessary due to weather conditions. Trench coats and dusters are not permitted.
- Sweatshirts, or fleeces must be a solid color or have a small insignia and must be worn over their shirt. If the extra garment has a hood, the hood cannot be worn in the building.
- Solid Color hoodies are allowed, or school logo hoodies are permitted, but students are not allowed to wear hoods in the building. Large brand logos are not permitted (i.e., Old Navy, Polo, etc.), but small insignia logos on pocket are permitted.

Professional/Formal Wear:

- Students may wear professional attire such as dresses, suits, and ties, as approved by the principal.

Footwear:

- Flip-flops, “slides,” house shoes, and athletic flip-flops are not permitted.
- Shoes designed for laces must be laced. Shoes with Velcro straps must be firmly always strapped.

Other Areas:

- No hats, bandanas, caps, hoods, or sunglasses may be worn in the building.
- Body piercings that cause a disruption or interfere with the learning environment will not be allowed to be visibly displayed.

Exceptions:

- The principal may establish non-uniform days such as spirit days.
- A student may wear the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts, as approved by the principal.
- School organizations, clubs, and teams may be permitted to wear their uniforms or organization shirts during the instructional day, as approved by the principal.