

## Student Dress Code

We believe that every student has intrinsic worth based upon who he or she is and not what he or she wears. We want to create an environment in which each student can develop those innate qualities, focus on learning, and contribute in a positive way to the community. We also believe that cultural pressures related to clothing choice can distract students and undermine that positive environment. The dress code we have adopted encourages self-discipline and will still allow students to be creative in exercising choice.

The dress code applies while on school grounds and at all school events on or off campus (including field trips) unless otherwise directed by administration.

### All clothes will:

- be clean and neat
- be the appropriate size (not too tight or too large)
- be free of letters, numbers, icons, pictures, and symbols that represent anything illegal, violent, illicit, gang-related, offensive, or suggestive
- not be of a see-through fabric
- not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by the PHHS administration
- not be nightwear including pajamas or slippers
- not reveal any under garments or skin
- **not be torn or tattered in any way (please note this includes any pants or jeans that are ripped or torn)**

### Jackets/Coats will:

- not be allowed to wear hoods in the building
- not be worn to cover inappropriate clothing

### Tops will:

- have short or long sleeves (not be or have spaghetti straps, strapless, halter tops, cover only one shoulder)
- Sleeveless Shirts are allowed but cannot show undergarments and the width of straps must be three fingers wide
- not be skin tight or transparent
- be buttoned, zipped, fastened or solid to within 4" of the base of the neck (no exposed cleavage)
- not expose the midriff – top must cover midriff regardless of sitting, standing, bending, etc.
- not reveal undergarments or skin

### Pants will:

- be pulled up and snug above the hips
- be no longer than just above the sole of the shoe
- not reveal undergarments or skin
- not be overalls, lounge wear, exercise pants, or yoga pants
- leggings and tights can be worn only under skirts, dresses or shirts that are at least fingertips length
- **not have any tears or rips in them**

### Shorts/Skirts will:

- **be no shorter than 4" above the back of the knee**
- be pulled up and snug above the hips
- not reveal undergarments
- not be overalls, tights, stretch shorts, or lounge wear, athletic / exercise wear

- not be “cutoffs”

**Dresses will:**

- be buttoned, zipped, fastened, or solid to within 4” of the base of the neck
- **be no shorter than 4” above the back of the knee**
- cover the shoulders or have a top under the dress that covers the shoulders and underarms

**Jewelry/Piercings/Accessories will:**

- be kept to a minimum in size and quantity
- not include any piercing of any body parts other than the ears
- include only appropriate neckwear, bracelets, belts, and headbands
- not be ornate or raised belt buckles/belts
- not include “do” rags & bandanas, etc.
- not include gauges of any kind/ including “look alike” gauges.
- sunglasses are not allowed in any building

**Make Up will:**

- be kept to a minimum
- reflect natural skin colors
- reflect appropriate nail color

**Footwear will:**

- be required at all times
- not be flip flops, slippers or athletic sandals “sliders”
- shoes must be a matching pair
- not be “heelies” or skates
- sandals must have a strap

**Hair will:**

- be clean and neat
- be natural hair colors
- not be an extreme style or color
- not be a Mohawk
- not be spiked over 2”

**Headwear will:**

- only be worn outside the buildings
- not include “do-rags”, bandanas, hairnets or sweatbands

**Tattoos & body art will:**

- not be allowed (including permanent, temporary, henna, or any other types of tattoos or body art)
- temporary tattoos or body art will be washed off immediately
- permanent and henna tattoos or body art will be covered at all times

**Backpacks will:**

- be free of any student writing
- be free of logos, symbols, or pictures that represent something illegal, violent, illicit, or suggestive

**Exceptions:**

Exceptions can be made to this dress code for specific reasons (ex: health) with prior approval by the administration.

**Dress code consequences:**

3 violations = 1 ASD  
4 violations = 3 ASDs  
5 violations = 5 ASDs

*Students who receive 6 or more dress code violations will be suspended and placed on behavioral probation*

All violations are accounted for over the duration of the school year, not per semester.

**Non-compliance:**

Students who are in non-compliance with the dress code will be referred to the administration and assigned a consequence in accordance to the Student Code of Conduct. Furthermore, they will not be allowed to return to class until they are in dress code/an authorized PE uniform. Repeated offenses will result in Level 3 referrals. Any PE uniform not returned will result in a \$25 fee.

**Interpretation of dress code:** Interference with the educational process, items that present a safety hazard and any interpretation of the dress code will be determined solely by the administration at Paradise Honors High School.

**PHHS Administration reserves the right to use their discretion in any and all infractions.**