

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dress Code Guidelines

TOPS



Collar Shirt with Sleeves

Polo Style or Button Down

PLDMS Spirit Shirt

Any PLDMS t-shirt issued by school or purchased from the school store.

Not Permitted

Non-collar shirts, non-PLDMS t-shirts, t-shirts over collar shirt, sleeveless shirts or sheer tops. Too tight, ripped, torn, inappropriate or exposing cuts or styles.

BOTTOMS



**ALL bottoms at minimum must touch the front and back of knee.*

Pants, Shorts, Capris, Bermuda Shorts, Skirts

All bottoms must be worn at the natural waistline, properly fastened and free of rips, tears, or holes. All bottoms at minimum must touch the front and back of the knee.

Dresses

Must have a collar, sleeves, no slits, touch the front and back of the knee, and not be form fitting.

Not Permitted

Sweatpants, athletic pants/shorts, leggings, yoga or stretch pants. Any bottoms with rips or tears exposing skin or undergarments. No sagging!

COLD WEATHER WEAR



ZIPPER JACKETS, CARDIGANS, OR SWEATSHIRTS

Must have zipper or buttons that exposes Collar or Spirit shirt. Sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn over appropriate collared shirt as long as the collar remains visible.

PLDMS Spirit Jacket

Any PLDMS Jacket issued by school or purchased from the school store.

NOT PERMITTED

Pull-over hoodies or cold weather wear not exposing a collar or spirit shirt. Hats and/or hoodies may not be worn on the head.

SHOES



CLOSED TOE SHOES

Must be worn at all times.

NOT PERMITTED

Backless shoes, slides, flip-flops, bedroom slippers, sandals, high heels, or any other footwear considered unsafe are NOT appropriate for school.

MISCELLANEOUS NOT PERMITTED

- Articles of clothing, jewelry, or adornments that could likely cause injury—such as large earrings or hoops, chains, bracelets, rings, studs, chokers, and/or headphones.
- Adornments, either attached or pierced to exposed body parts other than the ears.
- Apparel, emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence or any other illegal activity.
- Clothing with slogans or advertising which, by its controversial or obscene nature, disrupts the educational setting.
- Apparel or symbols which may be gang-related may not be displayed on a student, or on any item belonging to a student, at any time while on school property. Such symbols may be designated by administration, the school's Resource Officer or a law enforcement authority.
- Tattoos or drawing on one's self or others with ink, Sharpie marker, etc.
- Hairstyles or hair colors that are distracting, an unnatural color.
- Hats, hoods, caps, bandannas, grooming combs, headgear, or sunglasses, except in conjunction with authorized athletic practices or activities, is prohibited.

**** There may be certain exceptions for medical conditions (with a doctor's note) or when physical education classes are held outside.*