

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dress Code Guidelines

TOPS



Collared 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, at minimum must touch the front and back of the knee, properly fastened and free of rips, tears, or holes.

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.

JACKETS & SHOES



Jackets, Cardigans, Sweaters
Jackets may be worn over appropriate collared shirt or spirit shirt.

NOT PERMITTED
Hats and/or hoods may not be worn on the head. Jackets may be restricted during outdoor PE time depending on weather.

CLOSED TOE SHOES
Closed toe shoes must always be worn.

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

Dress Down Days will be determined by Administration throughout the school year. School appropriate does not include...

SCHOOL APPROPRIATE DRESS DOWN DAYS...

- Revealing shirts or cropped tops
- Ripped jeans exposing skin or undergarments
- Short shorts, dresses or skirts
- Sandals or slides of any kind

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 and/or 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.