

# 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-collared 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.