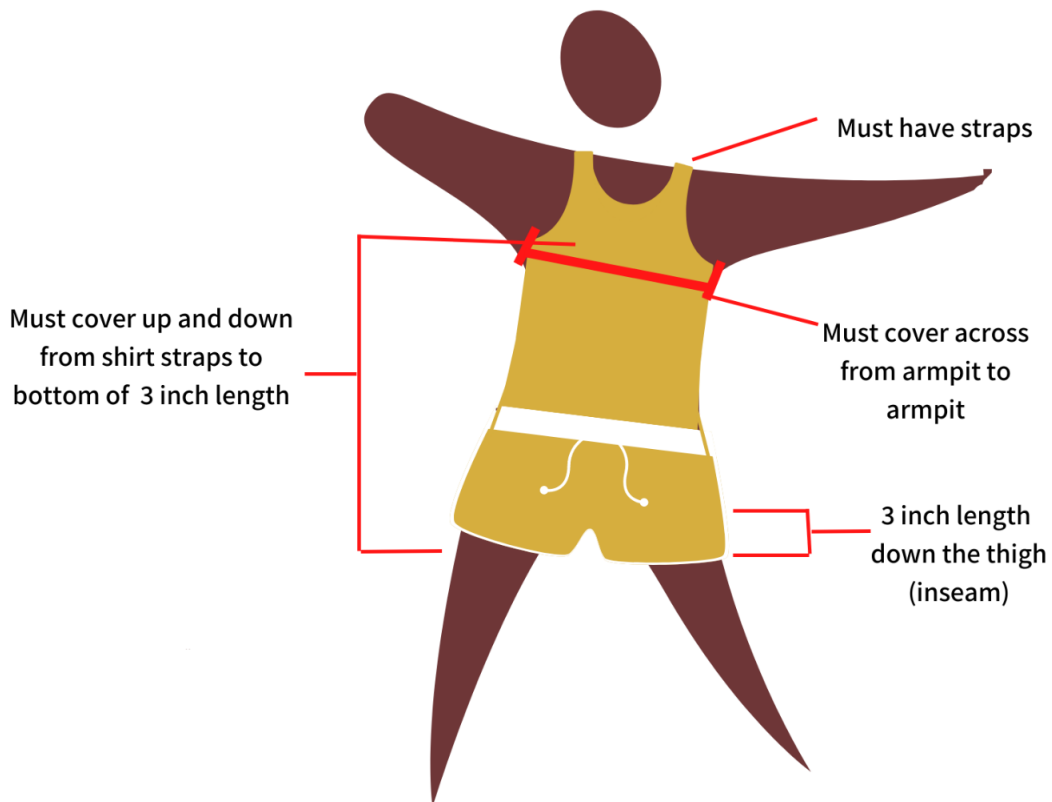


All students who attend Pulaski County Public Schools are expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a Pre K-12th grade educational environment. Pulaski County Public Schools respects students' rights to express themselves in the way they dress and affirms the expectation that students have a right to an environment that is safe, drug-free, and conducive to learning. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and staff members. This policy applies to any student, PK-12, who is in or on school property, going to and from school (including bus stops), or at a school-sponsored activity (including field trips).

Minimum Requirements:

1. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately 3 inches in length on the upper thighs. Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than 3 inches in length. See-through/mesh garments must have coverage underneath that meets the minimum requirements of this standard.



2. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (soft-soled bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the principal).
3. Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or for other reasons approved by school administration as noted in [Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.6](#)
4. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms, safety gear, or personal protective equipment.
5. Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.

Additional Requirements:

1. Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate violence, illegal activity, lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or other controlled substances.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply vulgarity, pornography, obscenity, discriminatory language/images, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, gender, intellectual & physical abilities, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, physical appearance, gender expression, family configuration, ethnicity, age, the language spoken in their homes, or any other protected classification.
4. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang, promotes illegal behavior, and/or advocates disruptive behavior is prohibited.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing.