



**SY 2024-2025
Palmetto Ridge High School
Dress and Grooming Code**

Dress and Grooming Code: Our goal is to help students and parents be informed and understand the minimal requirements listed in the PRHS Dress and Grooming Code. These requirements will help to foster and encourage our students to focus on their educational process, learning, and academic progress without distractions that are caused by unsuitable dress and grooming. With parents and guardians' guidance, support, and cooperation it is important that students arrive at school with grooming and attire that reflects the modesty of good taste expected at Palmetto Ridge High. Knowing "what to wear and when to wear it" means having good and modest taste in clothing attire worn by our high school students.

- ☑ To enter the school campus all students are required to have a **current SY 2024-2025** school identification. **PRHS school issued 2024-2025 identification badge must be visible in front of a student's person throughout the school day.** A student must wear their student ID lanyard around their neck or clipped to the top part of their outermost garment. A student ID tied to a backpack, computer bag, purse, in their pockets, behind their back, or any other accessory are **not allowed**.
 - ☑ Bottoms with rips, tears, frays, holes are acceptable from mid-thigh or fingertip in length when arms are fully extended.
 - ☑ All students attending any school sponsored activities/events (such as an athletic/sport or performing/related art event) **must follow the Dress and Grooming Code**. Should a student violate the dress and grooming code a student will not be allowed to attend the school sponsored activity/event.
 - ☑ Hats, hoods, hair bonnet, and any type of head coverings are **not allowed**. When approved by the Principal, only a school sponsored event or activity related to hats will be allowed for example: "Hat day."
 - ☑ Pajamas and sleepwear are **not allowed**. When approved by the Principal, only a school sponsored event or activity related to pajamas/sleepwear will be allowed for example: "Pajama day."
1. Safe footwear shall be worn at all times. **NO rubber flip-flops, bedroom slippers, or house slippers** shall be worn.
 2. **Halter-tops, tube tops, bodysuits, short shorts, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, midriff or backless shirts and blouses shall not be worn.** Shoulder coverings must be at least two inches in width (example: the width of a one-dollar bill or PRHS student identification badge). Tops must be below the waistband or remain tucked in so that the midriff area is not exposed. **No bare skin should be exposed at the waist or abdomen area. Clothing must cover the chest area to ensure that cleavage is not exposed.**
(See examples below)



3. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed and shall not interfere with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the Principal.
4. **Hats, hoods, hair bonnet, and any type of head coverings shall not be worn in school** except for approved areas identified by the Principal or designated events approved by the Principal. Exceptions may be made by the Principal for head coverings worn for religious or medical purposes.
 - Should a student continue to violate dress code a parent/guardian will need to pick-up their student's hat, hood, or head covering. As part of securing the campus, it is vital that students are easily identified. Hats, hoods, hair bonnet, or head coverings will be confiscated and placed in the Student Relations office.
5. Intentionally altered clothing or unbuttoned and **ill-fitted garments are not acceptable. Ill-fitted garments include but are not limited to garments that are too small so as to reflect immodesty or too large so as to appear to be falling off the body.** Clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or

vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment is prohibited. **Mesh or see-through clothing may not be worn** (FS1006.07 (2)(d)).

6. Clothing or personal belongings shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork, including but not limited to references of drugs, alcohol, nicotine, or weapons.
7. The wearing or display of flags on our campuses has historically caused dissension along with a potentially unsafe and hostile learning environment for our students. In an effort to provide safe schools and prevent potential disruption, the following flags are the only ones that may be displayed and/or worn on Collier County Public Schools campuses and at off campus school-related activities: (1) the United States and POW/MIA flags; (2) the State of Florida flag; and (3) official school flags. In addition, any related symbols may not be displayed or worn on campus or at off campus school-related activities. Exceptions to this rule may be made for national flags on special occasions or in designated areas consistent with the learning objectives of the District and at the discretion of the Principal.
8. Body adornment (e.g., adornments which pierce flesh) in any visible body part other than the ears shall not be displayed if such display presents a health or safety issue or if such adornment interferes with the educational process in the reasonable discretion of the Principal.
9. Items that may be used to do harm are prohibited. (e.g., large belt buckles, sharp hair accessories, or finger rings that cover two or more fingers.)
10. **The length of skirts/dresses and shorts shall reflect modesty, must be below the student's fingertips when the arms are held straight at the sides or mid-thigh**, and shall be monitored by regulations enforced at each school.
 - When a student's fingertips touch skin when the arms are held straight at the sides, then the clothing item is too short and may not be worn.
 - Stretchy skirts/dresses or tight-fitted/formed-fitted skirts/dresses, and lingerie looking dresses are not allowed to be worn as they cinch (rise-up) when a student walks or sits. **Stretching or pulling clothing to extend the length of skirts, dresses, or shorts, etc. to comply with dress code policy is NOT permitted and in violation of the expectations of appropriate attire/clothing.**
11. **Costumes, sleepwear, pajamas, or other clothing/adornment** that creates a distraction is not permitted except for designated events approved by the Principal.
 - Students may not wear sleepwear to school including but not limited to pajamas or pajamas looking style bottoms, bedroom/house slippers, and onesies.
 - Costume attire and accessories are not permitted except on school sponsored spirit days. This includes but is not limited to accessories that make up part of a costume and cosplay outfits.
12. Gang clothing, symbols, or other items associated with gangs may not be worn, displayed or carried.
13. At schools with uniform dress codes, Principals have the discretion to relax the uniform dress code due to inclement weather.
14. **To enhance student safety, all students shall wear a school-issued photo identification (ID) badge, displayed on their person, in plain sight, at all times during the school day. ID badges shall not be defaced or destroyed.** ID badges are District property and shall be returned to the school once a student has been withdrawn.

Students will be offered a change of clothing to wear for the remainder of the day. They also have the have the option to call home to request a change of clothes. Students who are provided Student Relations clothing will turn in their non-dress code attire. Frequent violation of dress and grooming code is subjected to disciplinary action. Dress code violations after repeated incidents will be treated as "failure to follow a reasonable request and/or insubordination/disobedience."

Authority: F.S. 1006.07, 1006.08, and Board Policy 5511, (Student Dress and Grooming)
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