

## **Portage Northern High School Dress Code Standards**

The world of work requires a standard of dress. Schools require a standard as well. The school always reserves the right to make adjustments on proper attire and appearance during the course of the school year. No dress code can itemize every item of dress that is unacceptable for school. We ask students to use common sense, have an attitude of cooperation, a concern for modesty and a realization that some clothing is not appropriate for the school setting.

Good grooming is a matter of personal pride in your appearance. Your manner of dress influences the learning environment, not only for others, but for yourself as well. Dress Code begins at home. Parents are asked to be supportive of the school's dress code. It is the responsibility of students and parents to ask questions about appropriateness of attire prior to the student wearing it to school.

Some guidelines to help parents and students decide what is and is not appropriate for the school setting:

- All top articles of clothing must extend downward and touch the top of your bottom articles, not exposing any skin or lower layers of clothing in the abdominal or lower back regions of the torso.
- All bottom articles of clothing must extend upward and touch the bottom of your top article of clothing, not exposing any skin or lower layers of clothing in the upper thigh and buttocks.
- Exterior clothing may not be an article of clothing meant to be an undergarment or pajamas or a blanket.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers are not permitted.
- Hooded sweatshirts are allowed, however, hoods must be kept off during school hours.
- Clothing that has a double meaning, promotes the use of violence, gangs or gang symbols, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, material that is obscene or of a sexually suggestive nature is not appropriate nor allowed.
- Any apparel which the administrators determine to be unacceptable in light of community standards or disruptive to the educational setting are not allowed.
- If any of the above dress code standards are in violation the student will need to:
  - a. change into something appropriate for the school environment, if available.
  - b. call home for a change of clothing.

**\*\* Failure to comply will be considered a disciplinary violation \*\***