

## **Pacific Beach Middle School Dress Code Policy 2021-2022**

Pacific Beach Middle School is adopting a new dress code policy during the 2021-2022 school year. Our intent is to continue growing our positive and inclusive community by giving our students more choices in how they express themselves in the way they dress. Our expectation is that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for a school setting or for any school-sponsored event, and that their clothing choices do not interfere with the health and safety of any other student, and do not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any other student. The following policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents.

### **PBMS Dress Code**

**Basic Principle:** Students must be appropriately clothed at all times. Attire deemed inappropriate is clothing which, by nature, exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate for an educational environment. All items in the Must Wear category below must meet this basic principle.

#### **Students Must Wear:**

- A shirt or top (with fabric in the front and back to the hips, and on the sides under the arms), AND
- Pants/shorts (3-inch minimum inseam)/skirts or the equivalent (for example, sweatpants, leggings, a dress) AND
- Closed toe shoes

#### **Additional Requirements:**

- Clothing cannot reveal visible undergarments
- No accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon •

Clothing may not depict:

- violent language or images
- language or images regarding drugs, alcohol, vaping, tobacco products, paraphernalia, or gang affiliation
- hate speech, profanity, pornography
- images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment for others.

#### **Dress Code Accountability:**

The administration reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who did not follow our PBMS Dress Code guidelines outlined above will be provided with three (3) options:

- They will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- They will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.

- If necessary, parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.