

Peterson Elementary

Suggestions for Student Dress

The Peterson Staff has developed the following guidelines for our students. We believe that students should dress for school in an appropriate manner because inappropriate dress tends to promote an atmosphere of inappropriate behavior. Any staff member may determine what constitutes inappropriate dress. Any item that is deemed disruptive to the operation of the school will not be allowed. The dress guidelines are as follows:

- Shirts, blouses and dresses must cover the shoulders and upper chest and must be long enough so as not to show any skin in the waist area. No see through clothing permitted. Examples: students may wear sleeveless tops but girls should not wear halter tops or spaghetti straps without a shirt underneath or a sweater or other cover up over the top. Boys should not wear muscle or basketball style jerseys without a shirt underneath.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses should be fingertip/mid-thigh length when standing.
- Hats are not to be worn in the building at any time unless it is part of a designated “dress-day” activity.
- Clothing promoting any inappropriate message or behavior, featuring any type of weapon, or promoting drugs, alcohol or gang affiliations will not be allowed.
- Sagging pants and pants that drag on the ground are not allowed.
- Shoes should be appropriate for required activities.
- Coats should be removed when entering the classroom but may be permitted if temperatures are inappropriate for learning.
- Other items deemed disruptive, including: long fake nails, excessive makeup, strong perfume or cologne or costume headgear (cat ears, etc.) should not be worn at school.

If a student fails to follow these guidelines, they will be asked to change/adjust their clothing or parents will be contacted. Some clothing will be available to change into at school. Please call the office (973-0400) if you have questions about these guidelines. Your support is appreciated as we attempt to keep the focus on learning.