

Dress Policy- Patriot Oaks

Our dress code is based off the district code of conduct. The purpose of our dress code is to help all students be modest and appropriately dressed for school. The guidelines pertain to school and all school sponsored functions, unless otherwise stated.

At POA, there is a difference in dress code between elementary and middle school students because elementary students participate in daily PE and recess activities outside in their daily school clothes. Middle school students change clothes for PE and are otherwise, not outside in the heat during the school day. Due to this significant difference, shorts can be shorter than fingertip length for elementary students if they are appropriate and modest.

To help, please keep these specific guidelines in mind when purchasing clothes for the school year:

- **Shorts:**
 - must be fingertip length. Shorts may not have any rips that expose skin. Shorts for PE must be the approved PE shorts purchased through POA Athletics.
- **Shirts:**
 - Straps must be at least two fingers wide. Off the shoulder shirts must have straps that meet this guideline. Bralettes do not count as straps for off the shoulder shirts.
 - No bare midriffs allowed. Shirts must be long enough to where, when a student raises their hand, no skin shows.
 - Tank tops must be cut close to the underarm.
 - No backless shirts or dresses that expose undergarments.
 - Low cut/revealing or see-through tops are not appropriate.
 - Clothing should not display any images or words that are offensive or suggestive in any way. No depictions of tobacco or alcohol on clothes is permitted.
- **Pants**
 - Ripped/frayed jeans: no holes allowed above fingertip length.
 - Leggings are acceptable. If any part of the legging is see-through, those exposed areas cannot be above fingertip length.
- No undergarments can be showing at any time. Lace bralettes and sports bras are ok to be seen around the neck only if worn under a shirt that meets the dress code guidelines.
- Shoes need to have backs for safety. (this applies only during school hours)
- No pajamas are to be worn unless for a class celebration.
- No hats can be worn unless for a class celebration. This includes beanies and hoodies.