

## DRESS CODE POLICY

All students attending Pin Oak Middle School will be required to follow the Pin Oak code of Dress. All articles of the uniform are to be maintained and worn in a way that represents the individual students and the school in a positive way.

All clothing must be:

- Solid colored, without variations or patterns.
- Clean, neat, mended [no rips, holes, cuts, etc., that extend through the fabric].
- Properly fitted. Clothing should be neither skin-tight nor excessively baggy.
- Without ornamentation [words, pictures, logos, etc.] other than official Pin Oak items.

“Tops” [clothing above the waist]

- Colors for all kinds of tops: **white, royal blue or light gray**. [Please check with the school for a color sample if there is any question.]
- Fabrics: cotton or cotton blend.
- Must wear a polo shirt or oxford shirt, long or short sleeved with a collar.
- Only a Pin Oak logo is permitted.
- Undershirts may be worn in one of the three approved colors [they may be visible]. Turtleneck and long-sleeved shirts may be worn as long as the shirt is tucked in.
- Shirts must be tucked into the bottoms during the school day & whenever in the building before school.
- Any clothing item purchased in the school store and any official team or club sweatshirt or jacket may be worn.
- A solid gray, white, or royal blue sweater or sweatshirt may be worn. Sweatshirts may have a hood or zipper.

“Bottoms” [clothing below the waist]

- Colors: **Navy blue, khaki, blue-jean blue, or official school tartan**
- Fabrics: denim, twill, or corduroy.
- May be pants, skirt, shorts, skort, capris, or jumper.
- Must be fitted at the waistline [except jumpers].
- May have pockets only near the waistline.
- The shortest part must be at least as long as the top of the kneecap, so that when standing, the garment touches the kneecap. A slit in the skirt can be no higher than the kneecap. The hem can't touch the floor when standing.

Casual Fridays – *Same dress code, except:*

- Approved Pin Oak spirit shirts and club shirts may be worn.

Free Dress Days – *Same dress code, except:*

- May wear any colors.
- May have any ornamentation which is not disruptive or offensive.
- A polo or oxford shirt is not required, but a shirt with sleeves must be worn.
- Additional criteria may be announced for special days.

## **SPECIFIC RULES OF DRESS AND GROOMING**

- Field trips – Casual Friday attire and free dress day attire are not permitted for students attending a field trip. Students must wear the regular dress code attire, even if the trip is on Friday or a free dress day.
- Shoes must be closed-in and have a “rubber” sole. The thickness of the heel and/or sole may not be more than one inch.
- Earrings may be worn if they are not larger than a quarter.
- When Pin Oak team uniforms are permitted to be worn during the school day, they must be worn in a way that meets dress code coverage guidelines – sleeves, length, etc.
- No hats or head-covering other than those required by religious practice. Hoods must stay down in the building.
- Jewelry, make-up and other such matters are permissible unless they are distracting or disruptive in the classroom. All acceptable neckwear (necklaces) must be tucked inside the uniform shirt.
- Small storage bags for supplies and necessary items may be brought into the classroom. Book bags or backpacks and purses may not be brought into the classroom at any time during the school day. If a bag or purse is large enough to hold a textbook it is a book bag and must be kept in the locker.
- Exposed tattoos and/or use of pens, pencils, or markers to make marks on the skin or clothing are inappropriate for school and expressly prohibited.
- Personal grooming is restricted to restroom facilities.
- Students are required to wear the uniform dress to the campus and throughout the entire day until leaving after school. Changes in the restroom prior to leaving school are not allowed.

**Pin Oak administration reserves the right to determine if a student’s dress is a disruption to the educational process. All such decisions are final.**

## **CONSEQUENCES FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Failure to comply with the uniform dress code will result in disciplinary action. The consequences for not meeting the expectations are as follows:

**First Offense:** Note to discipline record, review of policy and phone contact with the parent. The parent may be required to bring appropriate garments BEFORE the student may return to class.

**Second Offense:** Same as above plus the student will be assigned a one hour school-wide after school detention. The parent will be notified of the detention at least one day in advance.