



*Mission*  
Toledo Public Schools' mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum across all grade levels by implementing Ohio's New Learning Standards with fidelity.

*Vision*  
Toledo Public Schools' strives to be an "A" rated district whose graduates are college and career ready.

## AMENDMENT to ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE 2020-2021

**\*\*The following Elementary schools are exempt from this dress code: Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, Grove**

**Patterson Academy, Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Boys, Old West End Academy, and Escuela SMART Academy. These schools have a dress code specifically for their building. Please contact the principal/school for clarification. \*\***

Toledo Public Schools has adopted the following dress code for all students who attend one of the District's traditional elementary schools. It is expected that all students will comply with the dress code, beginning with the first day of school. Parents and students are equally responsible for the appearance of the student.

The purpose of Toledo Public Schools' Elementary School dress code is:

- To enhance school safety
- To support the learning environment
- To promote good behavior
- To avoid discipline problems
- To prepare students for the world of work.

The following items are **NOT** appropriate:

1. Clothing/grooming that illustrates or promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco and/or sex and that could be considered offensive or degrading to others; have symbols of hate or oppression; reference gang membership or present a hazard to an individual or other people.
2. Clothing/grooming that is disruptive to the educational process:
  - a. Undergarments should not be visible at any time (this includes underwear, bras, etc.)
  - b. Skirts or shorts must be no higher than just above the knee.
  - c. Spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops or tank tops are not allowed.
  - d. Cleavage should not be visible at any time.
  - e. Holes/tears in jeans are **not** permitted.
  - f. Tight, form-fitting clothing is not permitted. Tights and leggings are allowed if the front and back are covered by a long shirt, skirt or dress.
3. Clothing/grooming that is deemed **unsafe** for the classroom or school environment, including but not limited to hats/coats/outerwear/gloves, etc.

4. Clothing/grooming that does not reflect good personal hygiene.
5. Tops and bottoms that do not overlap while standing or seated (i.e. no midriffs).
6. Pajama pants, including pants made of flannel or fleece.

Additional guidelines:

- A. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted as long as hoods are not worn or does not cover the head.
- B. Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety considerations, all footwear must be adequately secured to the foot with heels no higher than two inches.
- C. Slippers, shoes with retractable skates, cleats, or footwear with flexible, soft soles (flip flops, beach shoes, etc.) are not permitted.
- D. Shoes that expose the feet or toes are not allowed in shop areas or in science classes when chemicals are being used.
- E. Hats, bandanas, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves or sunglasses will not be allowed except for medical reasons.
- F. No headgear or head wraps unless of a religious nature or approved by school officials.
  - These guidelines are to be followed on all days when school is in session and for school-sponsored events where students are actively participating and/or representing Toledo Public Schools.
  - The school administration shall determine the appropriateness of student dress and grooming, acting in the best interests of establishing and maintaining a safe and effective learning environment for the benefit of the school.
- G. All students must comply with the District's policies and procedures in place regarding wearing facial coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Students who do not comply with the dress code are subject to progressive disciplinary action.**