

# Pinellas Park Thunderbirds

## Dress for Success

### MODIFIED STUDENT DRESS CODE

#### Dress Shirts: Button up shirts and Polos (short and long sleeve) / T-shirts:

- **Polos, button up shirts and T-Shirts.** All may be worn in any solid color.
- **Shirt Restrictions:** They must fit neatly and not be over or under sized. Long sleeves cannot extend below the wrists when arms are held at side extending below the waistline. Polos are defined as collared shirts with sleeves. All shirts must be in solid colors.

Shirts and tops must cover all cleavage with NO see through material. Excessively tight clothing will NOT be allowed. No midriff or rear skin should be showing when the student is standing or sitting. ALL shirts must be worn as intended. They cannot be tied up, torn or altered in any way. Thunderbird Polos and Spirit shirts (school website) and store bought "Uniform" clothing is preferred.

- Solid in color means: no graphics, designs, pictures, numerals, slogans with the exception of logos, 2 inches or smaller. No see through material or excessively tight shirts will be allowed. **Students are encouraged to wear button up shirts and polo shirts that have the Pinellas Park Middle School Thunderbird logo on them** (Note: online school store link on school website).

#### Pants / shorts/ skirts/ capris:

- Pants, shorts, skirts, and capris must be **solid** in color and can be in any color. They must be worn at the waist (as per state statue) with a belt, neat in appearance, plain solid colors that are full length, free of any wording; embroidery; designs; as well as un-torn, un-ripped / no holes/ frays. No midriff or rear skin should be showing when the student is standing or sitting. Excessively tight pants, skirts and dresses will not be allowed. Athletic, nylon, knit type shorts / pants are not permitted, with the exception of gym class.
- Like pants, shorts must be worn at the waist (as per state statue) with a belt, and must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee (Bermuda shorts / walking shorts) or longer preferred. Cargo style pants / shorts may be worn. Excessively tight shorts or capris will not be allowed.

#### Dresses:

- Dresses may be worn that are solid in color; shoulders must be covered. Dresses must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Excessively tight dresses will not be allowed.

#### Outerwear (plain sweatshirts / sweaters jackets / coats):

- MUST be solid in color (School sponsored / approved outerwear (club /spirit wear) may be worn in any color and may be worn on club/spirit days). No oversized logos or writing can be on the outerwear. Plain, solid color sweater vests may be worn over polo / button up shirts. (Plain outerwear is defined as free from graphics, designs, wording, pictures, numerals, slogans, etc., with the exception of logos, 2 inches or smaller). **Students must wear dress code appropriate garments under ALL outerwear. Blankets, pajamas and bathrobes are NOT allowed.**

#### Hats / Hoods / Hoodies:

- Hats, hoods and hoodies are all treated like hats meaning the hood portion of the garment or hat shall not be worn on campus

#### Footwear:

- ONLY Shoes with a heel strap or closed back are permitted (No flip flops, slides, slippers or sandals with no back).

#### Belts:

- Belts are required when wearing shorts, pants, and jeans. Current school board policy must be followed for appropriate images, etc. (NO references to drugs, alcohol, sex or violence.

#### Exceptions:

- Students may wear their school issued uniform shirts on game days. Students involved in cheerleading, band, chorus, and athletics may wear their group uniforms on approved designated game days. Attire must be in accordance with Pinellas Park Middle dress code policy. Cheerleaders will not wear their cheer skirts or shorts during the school day. With administrative approval, organized youth sport team jerseys may be worn on game days.

#### Physical Education:

- Athletic, nylon or knit type shorts / pants are permitted in gym class. Shorts must be mid-thigh to knee length. They may be green, gray or black in color. PE T-Shirts may be green, gray or white. Appropriate footwear (tennis/athletic/sneakers) is required. Students who do not change for PE class are given a (o) zero for the day.

Note: MANY local stores carry school uniforms during their "Back to School" sales at reasonable prices.

Families may also order online from the school store:  
[www.bonniebarlowstore.com](http://www.bonniebarlowstore.com)



**Exceptions:** Students may have the opportunity to wear clothing outside of the modified dress code specifications as determined by the Administrative Team.

#### **Items specifically NOT Allowed:**

Cut offs, pajamas, spandex, jeggings, leggings, sweat pants or yoga pants.

#### **Items that must be kept out of**

**sight:** Ear buds, head phones, head sets, ear phones, cell phones, speakers as well as any other electronic devices.

Students may be asked and required to surrender any electronic device that is worn or seen without the approval from faculty or staff.

**First Offense:** After surrendering the item, the student may have it returned to them at the end of the day.

**Second Offense:** Item confiscated will be returned to the parent only.

**Parent Notice:** Failure to surrender an item when requested may be considered an act of defiance. This may result in an out of school suspension. Please note that any/all personal property will be returned to the parent. The school has no desire to keep one's personal property.

**True Intent:** Like any and all school rules, the dress code is designed to maintain a focused and safe environment for your child. The items restricted or prohibited have proven to be disruptive in the past.

This list may not intended to be 100% inclusive. The Administrative Team is responsible for the making the final decision.