

Central Preston Middle School
Dress Code and Prohibited Articles

Students are not to bring articles to school which are hazards to the safety of themselves or others, or which interfere in any way with the operation of the school. Such items are undesirable and will be impounded. Some of these include, but are not limited to: **energy drinks/energy products**, pocket knives, rubberbands, fire-crackers, squirt guns, virtual pets, fire-arms, alcohol, tobacco products and paraphernalia, illegal drugs and paraphernalia, yo-yos, trading or collecting cards, sports equipment, such as balls, mitts, etc. and laser lights. **Electronic devices including but not limited to CD players, Ipod/MP3 players, handheld electronic gaming devices, cell phones and pagers are to be stored in student's locker, backpack or pocket powered off.** In addition, students are not to have matches, poppers, popping caps or lighters in school. Student possession of any knife with a blade will be expelled for a year. Any item which could be used as a weapon will be confiscated. This includes, but is not limited to chains, necklace chains, and wallet/belt chains. Bicycles, scooters, skate boards, in-line skates or other alternate forms of transportation, are not to be ridden to school or left on campus. The school is not responsible for damages to any items listed if they are brought to school or accidents occurring while used by students. Students are not to have in their possession, nor distribute to another, nor use any articles prohibited in school. **Items confiscated will be held in the office until such time a parent/guardian can pick the item up.**

The Central Preston Mission Statement includes, "We believe it is our responsibility to provide the best possible educational environment so that each student can learn to the fullest extent of his/her ability. We believe all students can and must learn. We will provide the opportunity for each child to learn the skills necessary for the successful transition to high school and adult life, becoming secure, productive and responsible citizens of society." Students are expected to attend school looking clean and neat, **dressed in a manner which is accepted as in good taste.** The faculty and administration of Central Preston Middle School do no attempt to establish a dress code, but rather convey expectations to avoid disruptive influences in school or class by inappropriate apparel. Some clothing styles are designed for leisure wear rather than school attire. **In the professional judgment of the faculty and administration, any student wearing inappropriate attire will be sent to the office and asked to put on a coat, change clothing or return home, pending the circumstances.** We do not wish to dictate fashion, but define the standards without disrupting the educational process or being hazardous to the health and safety of the student(s). The cooperation of the students and parents is appreciated. *A good rule of thumb is, "when in doubt, do not wear it."* Revision of this policy is contingent upon the Preston County Board of Education Policy. The school will not be liable for incidents occurring because of inappropriate attire.

Articles and/or styles that may be used as reasonable guidelines are: shorts that are too tight or above the knee beyond a few inches (equal to or longer than the length of your index finger as arms are relaxed to your side in a normal posture), compression shorts, form material or too loose of binding are not to be worn to school. No sleeveless shirts, tank tops, halter tops, cleavage baring tops, and bare midriff exposed; no see through mesh or lace type tops; tights must be covered by skirts or slacks. No shoes with wheels and large wedged heels are not recommended as there are several steps and uneven pavement on campus. Dress/skirt length should be in good taste including definitions as listed for shorts, no pants are to be worn below the belt line exposing undergarments. Pants with holes above the knee must have something underneath to cover exposed skin. Students are not to wear hats in the classroom or inside the buildings. Bandanas or articles on the head that may be interpreted as identifying with a gang are not permitted. The only exception would be advanced administrative approval for a school spirit event. No designs on clothing which are obscene, offensive, vulgar or imply alcohol, drugs, cigarettes or which are of racial or ethnical nature or sexual content are permitted.

I (we) have read and reviewed Central Preston Middle School's Dress Code and Prohibited Articles with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

****THE ENTIRE STUDENT HANDBOOK IN ITS ENTIRETY CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBITE.**