



Power Technical (PTEC)

a James Irwin Charter School

2024 – 2025 Dress Code Contract

Most companies require employees to follow a certain dress code depending on the type of work being performed, the customers being served by the company, safety requirements, or a combination of factors. The dress code at PTEC is no different than going to work for a company and is designed for safety, modesty, and professionalism. All students are expected to be in dress code at all times while on campus during school hours, during school events, or off-campus activities. Any modifications to the dress code for special events will be outlined by the PTEC administration in a timely manner for students, parents, and guardians to make appropriate adjustments.

Parent and guardian support of the dress code is extremely important. Parents and guardians must ensure that their student(s) come to school and school-sponsored activities in the proper dress code. Dress code checks will be made throughout the day and again, if necessary, during the start of labs. Please refer to the consequences section for students choosing not to adhere to the school dress code. The dress code has been designed to be simple to understand and follow, and should any questions arise about whether a garment can be worn to school, the administration is available for questions at 719-301-6200.

There are three basic types of dress codes for PTEC: daily dress code, PTEC Connect dress code, and field trip dress code. The daily dress code will apply most days and is designed around student safety and modesty. PTEC Connect's dress code is similar to the daily dress code with the exception of some added professionalism. Generally, the daily dress code applies to Tuesday through Friday, the PTEC Connect dress code is primarily only on Monday, and the field trip dress code would apply to field trips.

General Dress Code Rules

1. All clothing must be clean, neat, modest, and in good repair.
2. Stretch, excessively tight, or baggy clothing will not be permitted.
3. Hats, and head coverings (caps, visors, beanies, bandanas, etc.) may not be worn at PTEC.
4. Sunglasses are not to be worn within the school building, except for prescription glasses that are polarized to change in light. The only exception will be in cases of safety during some labs with instructor discretion.
5. The wearing of clothing, jewelry, or a style of grooming that is identified with membership in a gang will not be tolerated in the school or at any school-sponsored activity.
6. For safety reasons, no loose jewelry will be permitted. Earrings worn during school must be only a stud and may not hang below the earlobes.
7. Tongue rings, barbells, lip rings, or other piercings other than on the ear lobe are not permitted.
8. Gauged or gauging ears is not permitted.
9. Whether branded as skinny or not, skinny jeans and pants are never permitted.



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10. Pants and jeans are not permitted to have holes in them including new clothing with holes and tears intentionally manufactured into them.
11. Pants may not have elastic bands in the waist or bottom near the ankle.
12. Slogans and logos, especially with references to inappropriate language, sex, tobacco, marijuana, violence, illegal substances, alcohol, or any advertising inconsistent with the school's philosophy, are not permitted on clothing, jackets, or bags.
13. Make-up must look natural.
14. Hair is to be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Long hair must be tied back or covered while working in labs.
15. No wallet chains or hanging chains are permitted.
16. No knives or sharp objects are allowed outside of the lab or work environment.
17. Hoodies or hats are not allowed inside the building. Certain CTE teachers may require students to have warm clothing during times of cold or wet weather while outside.

Daily Dress Code

The daily dress code goes as follows. Students will wear the PTEC logoed T-shirt and blue or black denim jeans. The shirt must be tucked in at all times with a belt worn through the belt loops of the jeans. Socks and shoes are required at all times with the socks extending above the ankle. Shoes must be closed-toed, either work style, boots, or athletic shoes that cover the entire foot. Dresses, skirts, ties, scarves, or any other loose hanging clothing is not permitted.

PTEC logoed T-shirts are available for sale at any time in the front office, during PTEC days, and during mandatory show day. The cost of the shirts is kept as low as possible, however, they are heavy-weight, high-quality shirts that should last for many years. All jeans are required to be blue, or black only and must be a denim (cotton twill fabric) material. Spandex or pajama-style pants that look like jeans are not permitted. As stated above, all jeans must be in good repair and clean. Jeans with holes, whether manufactured or not, are not permitted. Low-rise, skinny, or tight pants are not permitted. Jeans must be worn above the waistline and properly secured with a belt at all times. "Sagging" of pants is never allowed. Some examples of acceptable jeans include:

- a. Levi work style jeans, 505s, 550s, 501s, 541s, or boot cut
- b. Wrangler regular fit, boot cut, straight leg, 945 classic fit
- c. Carhartt traditional fit, carpenter, and relaxed fit jeans
- d. Dickies work or carpenter jeans

There are far too many brands and types of jeans to list. Many store brands would also be perfectly acceptable. If you are unsure if a particular type and style is acceptable, please contact the school with a picture prior to purchase.

We recommend that families purchase at least four T-shirts so students have a clean shirt for each day of the week, however, you may purchase as many as you would like.

"PTEC Connect" Dress Code



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PTEC Connect dress code will be used when we have guest speakers for PTEC Connect days, field trips, or other special events. The “PTEC Connect” dress code consists of a collared and PTEC logoed polo shirt, tan pants, or nice blue/black jeans with close-toe shoes. The polo shirt must be tucked in at all times and a belt must be worn. This dress code is similar to the daily dress code, except that everyone is wearing the school polo shirt. The purpose of this dress code is to be at least one step higher than a normal school day. The polo shirt is available to order online with the rest of the school uniform. The polo may also be worn on normal school days as well. PTEC hoodies will not be permitted to be worn anywhere in the building or on the field trip.

Consequences

- 1) Parent notification – Warning
- 2) Parent notification - 1 hr detention
- 3) Parent notification - Saturday detention
- 4) Parent Notification - Mandatory buy/wear of PTEC coveralls
- 5+) Declared as defiant/disobedient-consequences for this infraction will be put in place, from the handbook, starting with Saturday detention.

By signing the Parent Commitment form, you are acknowledging that you and your student have read and understand the dress code policy for PTEC.



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