

Truman Middle School

2010-2011 Student Dress Code Standards

Truman Dress Standards reflect pride and dignity, and demonstrate that school is a place to study and learn. Our Truman Dress Standards, which are conservative in nature, support student safety and promote a focused, orderly school climate. They have been chosen to be consistent, affordable, and available. Standards are also designed to provide a “business-like” atmosphere, *to help students develop the lifelong habit of dressing appropriately for the workplace and **not to keep up with current fashion trends.***

SHIRTS

Polo style **ONLY** (traditional/classic, not form fitted, 2-5 buttons). Plain, solid-color, short or long-sleeve. (Shirts worn under the polo must also be plain, solid colored.)

NO logos, emblems, writing, etc. (except Truman approved logo)

Securely tucked into waistband at all times

NO rolled sleeves, no capped sleeves. NO bare torso or undergarment visible

SWEATSHIRTS

Truman approved logo hooded sweatshirts, & crew neck

sweatshirts **only**. Must be purchased at Truman. *NO logos (except Truman approved logo) **NO vests, fleece, buttons, zippers, quilted, sweater-type or heavy, outerwear styles. **NO sweatshirts altered in any way. ALWAYS worn over an appropriate, tucked-in polo.

PANTS

Colors: - Any plain color of solid blue, black or tan, solid colors only. (NO faded or bleached jeans or pants with holes)

Fabric: Denim, cords, twills **only.**

Hem: Neatly, securely hemmed (no stapled, safety pinned, taped, rubber band, frayed, rolled, elastic, or split hems).

Pant styles: plain, straight-leg or slight flair, regular or relaxed fit. No rolled up pant legs.

Pant Length: no longer than top of shoe (hemmed @ shoe length) **NOTE:** if pants are longer and sagging below the rear-end, parents will be called to bring in appropriate attire for Truman Middle School. If a parent cannot bring new clothing to school, that student will report to ISS and spend the day in ISS. Pants also should be no more than five (5) inches wider than leg of student at the knee.

Shorts and Capris: walking shorts are acceptable, but must at least meet the knee in length; they may be longer, but not shorter. They are to be of the same colors and materials as long pants (see above).

No spandex. Individual students will lose their privilege to wear shorts at school for repeated violations of shorts policy.

NO logos, stripes, patterns, contrast patches, colors or decorative designs/stitching, etc.

Belts are recommended but not required, unless: student chooses to sag pants. If individual students choose to wear their pants below the hip line they will be required to wear a belt as sagging is not tolerated at Truman. No elastic or drawstring belts.

OUTERWEAR

Truman approved logo crew, or hooded sweatshirts **ONLY** (hoods down in the building)
Coats & other outerwear stored in lockers, not worn during school day. Students **may wear coats outside during recess**. Quilted, fleece, hooded & heavyweight garments will be considered outerwear.

OTHER

Students must have "Truman I.D." card on their person for safety reasons. If they are asked for their identification card by any staff member they must present it.

Shoes & socks: are required at all times. Shoes must be properly fastened. No Backless shoes.

The Following *are not* acceptable at Truman

- A. Any clothing worn with **holes, cuts, tears**, inside out, stapled, **safety pinned**, taped, **frayed, rubber bands, or having split hems**, is not permitted.
- B. Gloves, hats, bandannas, headbands, caps, berets, stocking caps, hairnets, scarves, wristbands and sunglasses, etc. **MUST BE** stored in lockers throughout the school day.
- C. **No loose-fit, baggy or over-sized clothing. No sagging.** No pants dragging on the floor or overly bunched around ankles. No pants worn lower than the top of the hipbone. No hip-huggers or low rise pants.
- D. **No tight, revealing, form fitted clothing** that reveals bare torso or undergarments, such as when student bends over or raises arms. No boxers, pajama type pants, or shirts without sleeves. **No skirts.**
- E. **For safety reasons** – NO shower-type sandals, slides, soccer sandals, flip-flops, house slippers, plastic/fabric slipper-type, strapless footwear, high platform type shoes/sandals, untied shoes.
- F. **NO ITEMS OR CLOTHING** that reference tobacco, alcohol, drugs, gangs, vandalism, bigotry, violence, sexual connotations, suicide, or "double meaning" sayings.
- G. **Modest accessories only;** no chains or spikes, no extreme jewelry i.e., nose, eyebrow, tongue or lip piercing/jewelry.
- H. **No writing on clothing or any part of the body.**
- I. **No Unnatural Hair Colors** that are extreme and disruptive to the educational process, i.e, purple, green, orange, blue, etc
- J. **Backpacks, purses, and handbags may not be carried** during the school day. They **MUST** be stored in locker throughout the school day.
- K. **The "NON- ACCEPTABLE Clothing and Accessories"** must also be adhered to during any "Civi's Day". These guidelines also apply to ASB functions including SPIRIT WEEK.
- L. **Dress Code clothing must be worn as intended.** Students are required to adhere to Dress Code Standards on school property including the bus load zone and during arrival and dismissal times.