

Puget Sound Skills Center

Highline School District

Student Appearance Policy

The Highline School District and school staff believes that learning best occurs in a positive atmosphere. To that end, we expect all of our students to help create that environment. Dress and appearance play a significant role in creating a comfortable place for all students. In an effort to promote this safe and comfortable atmosphere, all clothing and tattooing should be non-offensive to all staff and students. They must be free from vulgarity, profanity, drug and alcohol advertising, and gang affiliation. In addition, all attire, including body piercing, must not present health or safety problems, or cause disruption to the educational process. The administration reserves the right to restrict appearance and attire with special consideration for safety, health, or disruptive issues.

To that end, students should report to school each day neat and clean. Appearance expectations will be enforced throughout the campus. Appearances that cause disruption of the educational process or presents health or safety issues will not be allowed. The following appearance expectations are for PSSC and all Highline School District schools and activities.

- Clothes should be clean and in good repair. Clothing with holes is not acceptable at school.
- Shoes should be worn at all times.
- Hats should not be worn at school or school functions.
- Clothing or tattooing with inappropriate language or any reference to tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or gang affiliation (including bandanas) is not allowed.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be long enough to maintain modesty while standing or sitting. These items should reach mid-thigh.
- Shirts should meet the waistband of skirts or pants, even when students move or bend. Shirts that are midriff in length and tank tops that have straps that fail to cover undergarments are inappropriate.
- Pants should not have to be held up with a hand when walking. The waistband of the pants must be worn at the waist.
- Heavy, bulky winter-type coats are not to be worn in the classroom without instructor permission.
- Piercing must not present health or safety issues to the individual or other students.
- Large chains, whether worn as necklaces or on wallets, spiked collars or cuffs should not be worn to school.

Our goal is to create a positive learning environment. While our student population is at an age of experimentation, working hard to define their own personal style we encourage appropriate judgment.

DRESS STANDARDS THAT APPLY TO ALL PSSC STUDENTS

Students at PSSC are expected to dress according to the standards of their particular industry, as defined by the program instructor. As in the world of work, specific standards will vary from program to program. In the case where the program standard for dress is different from what is allowed at the partner high school, a student may bring a change of clothing for their PSSC program. Please allow time to change into your uniform or coveralls before class begins. Protective clothing (as required by OSHA and WISHA) is required.