The dress code at Central Peel Secondary School is intended to support a positive, safe and productive school environment that maximizes opportunities for student success. The code includes a mandatory school uniform. The uniform will foster equity, and enhance school pride and reputation.

1. Uniform Dress Code
   
   a. Students must be in complete uniform as described below when on school property at all times, unless a non-uniform day is explicitly designated and communicated by school administration. See below for dress code details for designated non-uniform days. **IN SCHOOL = IN UNIFORM**
   
   b. Students MUST arrive, remain and leave the school in their uniform. **CHANGING IN HALLWAYS & WASHROOMS IS NOT PERMITTED.**
   
   c. **ALL VISIBLE CLOTHING MUST BE THE APPROVED SCHOOL UNIFORM.** Solid white, black or grey shirts may be worn underneath. Hoodies are not allowed.
   
   d. All outdoor jackets and hats are to be removed and stored in lockers.
   
   e. There will be 4 options for uniform tops. One of these 4 items **MUST** be worn at all times. These items **MUST** be purchased through the designated vendor, and **MUST** have the school uniform logo on them:
      - short-sleeved golf shirt (dark green);
      - long-sleeved polo shirt (dark green);
      - a v-neck pull-over sweater (grey);
      - a ¾ zip sweatshirt (grey);
      - or a cardigan sweater (grey).
   
   f. The following items are options for the bottom portion of the uniform. They may be purchased at any store of your choosing and are NOT available from the designated vendor:
      - **Solid black** pants. Pants may not be faded or "distressed" (e.g. with holes). Pants should not have rips or ‘see-through’ materials. Logos, stripes and other prints are not permitted.
      - **Solid black** Bermuda/walking shorts and black Capri pants are permissible, but must have a minimum 8” inseam.
      - **Solid black skirts** are permissible, but must be non-formfitting, and without a slit(s). The entire skirt must be of a length at least 1 inch below the knee.
   
   g. All pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at, or above the waist; no underwear showing.
   
   h. If the cardigan sweater is worn, one of the approved school uniform polo shirts **MUST** be worn underneath it.
   
   i. Black or white footwear is recommended, but not required. These items are not purchased through the designated vendor.
   
   j. All of the additional school dress code requirements must be adhered to at all times (see below).
   
   k. Uniform items are to be clean and in good repair at all times. Clothing is to be neatly hemmed or cuffed and not rolled or altered to distort the intended length.
   
   l. Students are required to wear the school uniform for excursions and school sponsored events/occasions, whether as participants or spectators, unless explicitly exempted by school administration.

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2. **Inappropriate dress at CPSS Includes, but are not limited to:**
   - hats or other inappropriate headgear, including picks and combs;
   - clothing with language and/or any representations (graphics or words) that indicates gang affiliation, including but not limited to bandanas;
   - attire that depicts violence, weapons, profanity, racial or gender discrimination or discrimination of any kind whatsoever;
   - attire that promotes the use of alcohol or drugs, or that features sexual content;
   - attire that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group;
   - wearing clothes in a manner that is revealing or inappropriate for a work/learning environment. Examples of inappropriate school-wear includes: bare shoulders, and midriffs, straps of less than 2 inches on tops, or transparent clothing; as well as extremely tight clothing, short shorts and skirts, and pants below the waist or that show a student's underwear;
   - “spiked” or “studded” articles of clothing, or chains.

3. **Dress Code on Designated Non-Uniform Days:**
   **Spirit Days:**
   - Occurs on every second Friday of the month
   - It is expected that students will comply with the dress code on Spirit Day
   - Spirit day is about wearing “Griffin Wear” team or club uniform tops with solid black pants/shorts/skirts (as outlined in Section 1f, Uniform Dress Code)
   **Dress Down Days:**
   - Occurs on the last Friday of the month (except for January)
   - Dress Down day attire **MUST BE APPROPRIATE**
   - Inappropriate dress at CPSS is outlined above in Section 2.

4. Other non-uniform type days will be explicitly designated and communicated by school administration. Students need to earn this privilege through consistent uniform compliance. On non-uniform type days, it is expected that every student in the school will comply with the Dress Code.

5. The Dress Code does not, in any way, restrict a student’s right to dress in a manner that is prescribed by religious, cultural, ethnic, or similar tenets and custom.

6. Students are expected to maintain a standard of attire during the day, excursions and school sponsored events/occasions, which meets the Central Peel school community standards of decency.

Students who do not adhere to the Uniform & Dress Code will be sent to the office. The student may be sent home to secure the appropriate clothing and/or may be sent home for the remainder of the day. These occurrences are noted in the student’s record. A parent/guardian will be contacted if the student is under 18. A student may be suspended for repeated non-adherence to Central Peel’s uniform & dress code policy. Administration may at any time cancel Spirit or Dress Down days on short notice.

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