

Fort Payne Middle School
8th Grade Supply List
2024-2025

- 2" Binder (or Zipper Binder)
- Notebook Paper
- Pencils
- Earbuds
- Dividers
- Colored Markers
- Black Permanent Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Page Protectors
- Highlighters (blue, green, and yellow)
- Colored pencils
- Post-It Notes
- Index cards (1 pack) – 3x5
- Scissors
- TI-84 Calculator (Optional- We will have classroom sets.)

Advanced English - additional:

2 packs of 3x5 index cards

Summer reading: *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton (should be completed by the first day of school.)

- We wear Red, White, and Blue on Wednesdays. Patriotic Apparel is available at FPMS.

Dress Code

The Fort Payne City Board of Education recognizes the effect which student dress and grooming have upon student behavior and commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board requires that all students exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire considered disruptive or that seriously distracts from the learning environment or that could present a health or safety problem is not appropriate.

With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for all students attending Fort Payne City Schools. Students who fail to follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

1. Any clothing, appearance, or personal hygiene and grooming practices that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student are considered inappropriate for school. The dress and/or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process of any Fort Payne City School.
2. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to be worn, i.e., clothing worn backward or inside-out, suspenders undone, are not allowed. Specifically, pants, worn too low (low riders), too long, or excessively large clothing are not permitted.
3. Students are not to wear clothing that reveals the body in an inappropriate manner. (Examples: clothing which is too tight, too short, bare at the midriff, bare at the sides, sun dresses, "spaghetti strap" type tops, off-the-shoulder tops, tank tops, low-cut front or back tops, sheer or see-through clothing, etc.). Undergarments should be worn in an appropriate manner and should not be visible.
4. All clothes should be in a state of good repair.
5. Students may wear shorts to school under the following stipulations: Shorts must be hemmed. Old worn/torn, or other type cut-offs, spandex, or swim suit type shorts are not allowed.
6. Length of shorts, dresses, skirts, etc., is required to be at least mid-thigh in front and back.

Length must be appropriate whether the student is standing or sitting. Spandex pants, leggings, leotards, etc., may be worn only when the top worn with them meets the mid-thigh requirements.

7. Students are not to wear jewelry, ornaments, or accessories which distract from the learning environment; excessively noisy jewelry and/or belts. Piercings of the ears are allowed as long as they are not hazardous or unsafe and do not distract or draw unnecessary attention. The wearing of other body piercing jewelry is not allowed, including but not limited to the tongue, nose, or eyebrow.
8. T-shirts or any other type clothing or personal item bearing a reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, and/or any other wording, drawing, pictures, etc., which in any way can be interpreted as being "off-color," suggestive, obscene, or offensive.
9. Clothing and/or accessories which are disruptive or distracting to the learning environment or which identifies a student as being a member of a gang or any subversive or unlawful organization will be not be allowed.
10. During the school day, students are not to wear or carry caps, hats, bandannas, sunglasses, or other headwear.
11. Outerwear (coats, gloves, etc.) are not to be worn in the building during normal school time (unless temperature or individual medical problems dictate this to be appropriate).
12. All students are required to wear their hair in such a manner that it is not considered unkempt, unclean, or impairing vision. Students are not to wear hair dyed in unusual colors, spiked hair, shaven head areas, shaven head patterns (numbers, names, symbols, designs, etc.).
13. Students are not to wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or accessories, etc.
14. Students are required to wear appropriate shoes to school at all times.
15. Clothing & accessories designed for concealment is prohibited. Such items may include but not limited to, knives embedded in belt buckles, flasks hidden in shoes.

Jewelry and Body Piercing

- Piercings of the ears are allowed as long as they are not hazardous or unsafe and do not distract or draw unnecessary attention.
- The wearing of other body piercing jewelry is not allowed, including but not limited to the tongue, nose, or eyebrow.
- Band-Aids may not be worn to conceal unauthorized jewelry. Materials such as plastic or wooden sticks or clear loops may not be worn to keep new piercings open during the school day.
- If it is determined by a school principal or designee that allowable earrings or jewelry worn by a student may become a safety hazard in an activity such as physical education, science laboratory, athletics, etc., the student shall remove such ornamentation.
- Jewelry must not include pictures, writings, symbols, etc., promoting, acknowledging, or suggesting drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco products, alcohol, sexual activities, gangs, groups, individuals, or activities that would be considered potentially dangerous, disruptive, or hazardous to the student, to other students, or to the school environment.
- Wallet chains and/or oversized chains are not allowed at school or on school buses.