



# HCS Early College High School

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## **DRESS CODE**

Our dress code has been developed to help students prepare for the world of work/college. The dress code has been developed with modesty and appropriateness in mind. According to the Horry County School District Policy, student dress must conform to the following regulations:

1. Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety. (This prohibits the wearing of chains and studded clothing or accessories.)
2. Hats/Headwear, sunglasses, headphones/earplugs, sweatbands, combs/picks, hoodies, headscarves, bandanas, headgear, head coverings, and sunglasses are prohibited inside school buildings.
3. **The possession of all bandanas is prohibited at ECHS.**
4. Shoes must be worn at all times. No bedroom shoes/slippers are allowed at any time.
5. **Pants & shirt must overlap at all times.** Clothing should be worn so that undergarments are not visible.
6. Attire must not display any sexual behavior, sexual innuendos, or ethnic derogatories.
7. Items such as spiked jewelry (including body piercings), padlocks, chains, and metal heel plates are not allowed.
8. No vulgar, obscene or otherwise inappropriate symbols, language, pictures, or wording will be permitted on clothing or accessories. Clothing or accessories (ex. Bookbags, jewelry, hats, etc) that display weapons, alcohol, tobacco, or other drug symbols are not permitted. Clothing must not display any information about, representations of, or advertisements for alcoholic beverage(s), tobacco, controlled drugs, illegal drugs, or paraphernalia associated with the foregoing. Clothing which is controversial or disruptive is not allowed.
9. Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive.
  - a. Shorts, skirts, and dresses, even with leggings, jeggings, etc. must be longer than the student's fingertips when in a relaxed standing position. Slits/holes in clothing must also be no shorter than the student's fingertips when extended in the relaxed position.
  - b. See-through clothing, bare midriff tops, backless blouses, shirts/tops with low necklines, halter-tops, spaghetti-strap tops, muscle shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. All shirts must cover the undergarments. It is never appropriate to show undergarments.
  - c. Gym shorts, cutoffs, bathing suits and short shorts are not appropriate at school.
  - d. Appropriate undergarments should be worn and should be covered by outer clothing.
  - e. No pajamas or pajama bottoms/pants are allowed.

*\* The ECH community asks that students follow the spirit of the policy and not just the letter of the restrictions. Questionable clothing will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the administration and teachers.*

### **Consequences of breaking the dress code:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Student will be asked to come to the office and requested to change the inappropriate clothing, reverse the offending garment, or call parents. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation is corrected.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Student will have to correct the dress code violation, parents will be notified, and the student will be assigned to afterschool administration detention. Additional discipline action will include, but not be limited to OSS and parent conference.

You must follow the instructions of the teacher or administrator regarding your dress. If you fail to do so, you will be written up for insubordination, which makes the issue worse. If you feel that your dress was unfairly criticized you may appeal to the principal.

"We are Early College, being the best we can be."