

## Dress Code

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that individual students dress in an appropriate manner at all times on campus or when involved in school activities. The administration of each of the schools will determine the appropriateness of student dress. [The administrative team of each school will have the authority to decide if a student's dress is inappropriate and to follow through with corrective action.](#) Personal appearance of students should promote health and safety, contribute to a climate conducive to teaching and learning, and project a positive image of the district to the community. In addition to clothing, hats, and shoes, attire includes any jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, comment, or other items worn or displayed by an individual. The school administration's ruling regarding inappropriate dress and corrective action is final, pending review only by the superintendent or her/his designee. Disputes involving student dress are not appealable to the board. ([Horry County Schools Parent/Student Guide](#) page 11).

### HCS Dress Code Policy:

- Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety.
- Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be of adequate length to ensure modest when the student is seated or engaged in school activities. Appropriate undergarments should be worn and should be covered by outer clothing. Uniforms for extra-curricular activities that are worn during classes other than physical education must be modified to conform to the Student Dress Code guidelines.
- Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense of the term.
- Attire must not display any information about, representation of, or advertisements for alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled drugs, or illegal drugs or paraphernalia associated with the foregoing.

### LMS additional guidelines concerning dress:

Examples of unacceptable clothing includes, **but is not limited** to the following:

- Tube tops, exposed midriff/crop tops, halter tops, racerback tops, sleeveless jerseys without an undershirt
- Swimming attire
- Pajamas, sleepwear (including bonnets), loungewear
- One piece spandex jumpsuits
- Bandanas or durags
- Items with pictures or references to weapons or violence
- Items allowed outside but not in the building: hats, visors, hoodies, and sunglasses
- Shorts, skirts, dresses, shorter than four inches above the knee.
- Jeans with holes that are higher than four inches above the knee.

### LMS Consequences for Dress Code Violations

For each offense, the student will have to remain in ISS until the violation is corrected.

- 1st offense: Parent Contact
- 2nd & 3rd offense: Parent contact and After School Detention (ASD) or ISS during connections
- 4th offense: Parent conference and 1 day of ISS
- 5th+ offense: Parent contact, at least 1 day of ISS and may progress to OSS
- If a student refused to comply with a request to correct dress code or report to ISS, they will receive at least one day of OSS and a referral for refusal to obey in addition to the consequence for the dress code violation.

If you have questions about the LMS dress code policy, contact Mrs. Shaw.

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