



HCS Scholars Academy – Dress Code Policy

The students of the Scholars Academy are guests on the Coastal Carolina University (CCU) campus and are representatives of Horry County Schools (HCS). It is important to our school for the students to make a good impression at all times. Since the HCS Scholars Academy is located on an adult campus, it is also important for our young students to be dressed modestly. This HCS Scholars Academy dress code has been developed with this in mind. This policy is also in accordance with the dress code policy of Horry County Schools.

1. Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety including within a laboratory setting. (This prohibits the wearing of chains and studded clothing or accessories.)
2. Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive.
 - a) ALL shorts, skirts, and dresses should be of adequate length to assure modesty when the student is standing, seated, or engaged in school activities. To further define this for Scholars Academy students, all skirts and shorts must not be more than six inches (the length of a dollar bill) above the middle of the knee. Even with leggings or yoga pants, skirts shorter than the specified length may not be worn. Furthermore, slits in skirts and dresses must be no more than six inches above the knee.
 - b) Appropriate undergarments should be worn and must be covered by outer clothing. This especially refers to bra straps which should not be exposed at any time. It also refers to underwear showing above the waistband for boys and girls.
 - c) Bare midriff tops, backless blouses, shirts/tops with low necklines, halter or “razor cut” tops, spaghetti-strap tops, muscle shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. The shoulder width of blouses/shirts must be at least 2 ½ inches wide (width of dollar bill). Our female students should not reveal cleavage.
 - d) When sheer garments are worn, the undergarment must comply with the previously stated standards.
3. Attire must not display any information that is inappropriate for a professional workplace setting. Derogatory or inflammatory words, phrases, or messages which can be interpreted as offensive are not allowed to be worn on clothing or to be displayed in any manner.
4. Attire must not evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang" in any negative sense.
5. Attire 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.
6. Shoes are to be worn at all times.
7. Hats and head coverings are NOT allowed to be worn in the building.
8. Uniforms for extra-curricular activities that are worn during SA classes other than physical education must be modified to conform to the Student Dress Code guidelines.
9. Attire must not display any type of weapon.

Consequences for Violation of the HCS Scholars Academy Dress Code

Students in violation of the HCS Scholars Academy dress code policy will be notified by a school staff member and sent to the office.

1st offense: Parents will be called to bring suitable clothing to school. Another option will be for the student to be provided with a suitable cover-up to wear for the remainder of the day. Time missed in any class due to a dress code violation will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

2nd offense: This will result in a meeting with the principal, the SA student, and the parent(s)/guardian(s). In addition, the SA student will be required to serve an after-school detention.

3rd offense: This will result in In-School Suspension (ISS) for the student.

Any further violations may result in out-of-school suspension (OSS) for the SA student.