

## UNIFORM DRESS CODE

The Houston Independent School District recognizes the importance of encouraging high standards in dress and personal grooming. Additionally, James Madison High School acknowledges that a uniform dress supports the safety and security of the campus. For these reasons, a uniform dress code has been implemented at Madison High School. All students enrolled must comply with the dress code daily. Specifics of the dress code are listed below.

**NOTE:** A committee of parents, students, teachers, and administrators has formulated this Dress Code for students.

### Pants

- Uniform pants (Dockers or Dickies style) in navy blue or khaki color only.
- Pants must be worn at the natural waist.
- Pant legs may not be worn tight on the legs. Pant legs must be loose enough so that they can be pulled away from the leg at least 3 inches.
- No jeans, cargo pants, warm-ups, Capri pants, shorts are to be worn.

### Shirts

- Polo style in white, red, Columbia blue and navy blue (last 2 buttons buttoned).
- In winter, students may wear a long sleeve Polo style shirt.
- Only a white or black T-shirt is to be worn as an undergarment.
- Spirit and organizational shirts must be approved by the Principal.

### Belts

- Must be either black or brown with no designs or adornments on the belt or buckle.
- Must be worn with all pants around the natural waistline.
- Must be visible at all times.
- Buckles must be no larger than the school ID card.

### Shoes

- Must be closed-in/back strap (examples: tennis, flats or heels up to 2”).
- No flip flops, mules, sandals or stiletto heels.

### Outer wear

- Jackets and/or sweaters in white, red, navy, and Columbia blue **solid colors only**. If the jacket has a logo, it cannot be larger than the size of the student ID badge. Logos can only be on the left front side of the jacket or sweater.
- No hoodies, oversized jackets/coats, or trench-coats are to be worn.
- Madison Letter jackets are permitted.
- Designs on logos or on any part of your person depicting gangs drugs, sex violence or any other inappropriate/illegal act are strictly prohibited.

## **Dress Code Privilege for Approved Student Organizations and Genesys Works Internship**

Students who participate in an U.I.L. organizations or Genesys Works are allowed to wear acceptable professional dress on official game days or internship days. Jeans do not qualify as acceptable professional dress. Dresses or skirts that are worn should be loose fitting and not shorter than 2 ½ inches above the knee. Students who do not follow the guidelines given will be have the privilege taken away or can be assigned disciplinary actions. Students who have questions about appropriate attire

### **Back Packs**

- Backpacks are permissible, but are to be used for carrying school related materials and resources, textbooks, or a change of clothes as needed. Backpacks are not to be used for concealing prohibited or unauthorized items that are not allowable within the school environment. Teachers and staff also have the right to advise students on where to store backpacks within the classroom. Backpacks will not be allowed to become classroom distractions.

### **Tattoos**

- No visible, derogatory tattoos on the body or clothes are allowed.

## **HAIR**

1. Hair must be neatly combed and clean in appearance.
2. Length of hair is not important as long as it meets health & safety requirements in labs and work areas.
3. Hair nets and wave caps are not acceptable.
4. Metal rakes, combs and wave brushes are prohibited during school hours.
5. Hats, caps, scarves, hair rollers, bandannas, or sweatbands must **not** be worn in the building by males or females. These items must be left in lockers during the school day.
6. Hair styles (**cuts, designs, names, and colors, i.e. blue, green, burgundy, red, and multi-colored**) which adversely affect the educational atmosphere of the school will not be permitted.
7. Braids will be allowed for young men provided the hair remains braided for the entire school day.

## **SKIRTS AND PANTS**

1. Mini-styled clothing and tight fitting clothing will not be permitted
2. Pants with holes cut into the fabric are not to be worn on campus.

3. Pants must be worn with modesty and should not be vulgar or lewd as determined by the school administration.
4. **ALL PANTS MUST BE WORN AT WAIST LEVEL.**
5. Belts must be worn. **IF THE PANTS HAVE BELT LOOPS, A BELT MUST BE WORN).**
6. Pajamas are not to be worn as pants.

### **SHIRTS**

1. While on campus, all shirts (**including any type of jersey**) must be tucked in pants at all times.
2. Shirts must meet pants whether the individual is sitting, standing, or walking.
3. Shirt logos MAY NOT signify an affiliation with territorial or neighborhood groups.
4. Shirts that depict violence, weapons, drugs, alcohol or sexual innuendos are unacceptable. If confiscated these items will not be returned.

### **SHOES**

1. House shoes, sandals, or flip flops are not permitted. (Medical approval is necessary for special circumstances.)
2. Swim shoes are not to be worn.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Bras must be worn by female students.
2. Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times during the school day and for extracurricular events.
3. Male students will not be permitted to wear earrings on campus.
4. Students will not be permitted to wear earrings in their noses, tongues, lips, face, etc. (**BODY PIERCING OF ANY KIND IS NOT PERMITTED.**)
5. Walking canes, sticks and chains (also those worn from belt loops) are not permitted.

6. Logos on jackets must not reflect or suggest in any manner drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, vulgar language, gang affiliation, violence, death or satanic ideology.
7. Birthday and other celebrations are not allowed (such as balloons, cakes, flowers, pinned money and deliveries, etc.)
8. Students' attire and grooming shall not distract, disrupt, create a safety hazard, or take away from the learning process.
9. Appropriate dress and grooming by each student for all school activities shall reflect the high standards of the school and the community.
10. The administration has the responsibility of determining what is appropriate.
11. Students who do not adhere to the dress code will be given an explanation of the dress code policy and will be required to call home to get a change of clothing. If no one is available at home, the student will spend the day in SAC (In-School Suspension).
12. Students assigned to SAC will not be allowed to attend their classes until they are in compliance with the dress code policy, and may be subject to additional disciplinary action.