

DRESS AND GROOMING

Dress and Grooming Guidelines

The following student dress code will be enforced on the first day of school, and every day thereafter:

- Shirts must be short or long-sleeved (no spaghetti straps or tank tops).
- Width of shoulder straps (on sleeveless blouses) must cover undergarments
- Blouses/tops must cover the entire shoulder, back and chest areas. Blouses/tops must not expose midriff or cleavage and should not be see through. Off-the-shoulder blouses/tops are not permitted.
- Any type or style of pants, as long as they fit. Pants that are baggy or too tight will not be allowed.
- Leggings and yoga pants are permitted but must be worn with tops that are at least mid-thigh in length.
- Pajamas and/or house slippers are not allowed.
- Under no circumstances should pants or shorts be worn below the waist line and they should be secured with a belt. Undergarments may not be visible at any time.
- Shoes must be worn at all times (no slippers or stocking-feet).
- Skirts and dresses must be worn no shorter than two inches above the knee or longer. **Tights worn under a dress or shorts do not cancel out hem length.**
- Clothing may not at any time include references to drugs or alcohol, gang/neighborhood related, or include inappropriate language. This includes Physical Education class, field trips, or weekend campus functions.
- Make-up or accessories should be appropriate for school and not a distraction to the learning environment.
- Jeans and other pants should not have rips or tears above mid-thigh unless they are worn with tights or leggings underneath (no bare skin above the knee). Any “distressed” material above mid-thigh should not reveal exposed skin.
- School personnel will determine appropriateness of any questionable issues regarding dress code.

Offense:	Consequence:
1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbal warning and change of attire
2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent contact and change of attire
3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detention and/or behavior contract and change of attire

This dress code will be in effect as long as the student is on HCC or NHECHS property and at all times during school hours. **School administrators will make final determinations on dress code issues and be the final authority on appropriateness of dress and appearance. Failure to comply with the school dress code is a Level II violation of the HISD Student Code of Conduct and will result in a referral to the Dean of Students.**

Dress code may be modified throughout the school year at the discretion of school administrators or the SDMC.