



## THINGS TO KNOW

2023- 2024

### Dress Code Policy

School uniforms can improve learning by reducing distractions, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing students to perform better academically. In addition, uniforms give students a sense of belonging and a feeling of equality; they provide an opportunity for mutual growth and create an identity for the school in the community. The following policy can only be successfully managed with parental support.

Top	Bottom
<p><b>Shirts</b> – Students must wear properly fitted Polo-Style shirts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6th Grade: <b>Red</b></li><li>• 7th Grade: <b>Gray</b></li><li>• 8th Grade: <b>Black</b></li></ul> <p><b>College Shirts</b>- Are only allowed on Wednesdays <b>Hogg Spirit Shirts</b>- Are only allowed on Fridays</p> <p><b>Jackets and Other Outerwear</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hogg colors are encouraged but not required</li><li>• College insignia (does not have to be Hogg colors)</li><li>• Uniform collar and ID badge must visible outside of jacket at all times</li><li>• Hats, caps and beanies are <b>NOT</b> permitted</li></ul> <p><b>ID Badges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ID Badges should not be altered in anyway.</li><li>• ID badges must be worn on a lanyard, around your neck, out and visible.</li><li>• \$5 replacement fee for new ID badge.</li></ul>	<p><b>Pants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy, Khaki or Black uniform pants – <i>Fitted at waist</i> (no sagging or baggy pants)</li><li>• Blue, Khaki or Black Jeans – <i>Fitted at the waist and free of any holes and/or designs</i></li><li>• Leggings, athletic wear, pajamas and sweatpants are <b>NOT</b> permitted</li></ul> <p><b>Skirts, Skorts &amp; Shorts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy, Khaki or Black uniform skirts, skorts and shorts only</li><li>• Skirts, Skorts and Shorts must be <b>knee length</b></li><li>• Tights are permitted under knee length skirts.</li><li>• Jean and athletic shorts are <b>NOT</b> permitted</li></ul> <p><b>Footwear</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athletic shoes or other closed toed shoes</li><li>• Flip-flops, sandals, slippers, or footwear with exposed toes are <b>NOT</b> permitted</li></ul>

### HOOD POLICY

**Hoodies or jackets with hoods will NOT be permitted, even during free dress days. College apparel must not have a hood, nor are students permitted to tuck hoods into their jackets. Any hooded articles of clothing will be confiscated.**

On Wednesdays, students may wear College shirts. On Fridays, students may wear a Hogg spirit shirt. Otherwise, students are expected to be in uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays. We also encourage parents to write the student's first and last name, along with grade level, on the inside of jackets in case the item is lost or misplaced.



## ID Badge Expectations

All Hogg Middle School students will be required to wear their photo ID badges every day. These badges will help us with student safety and security. Visible photo identification helps each campus ensure that everyone in the building is authorized to be on that campus, both students and staff. In addition, the ID badges can be used in the cafeteria and library. **All students must wear their ID Badge on a lanyard around their neck**, so it is always visible when on school grounds, no exceptions. ID badges should not be kept in backpacks or in pockets. There is no cost for the original ID badge, but should a student lose or damage his/her badge, there will be a replacement fee.

### Replacement Fees

\$1 – Lanyards (Students may use their own lanyard)

\$5 – Replacement ID Badge

### Temporary ID Badges

If a student reports to school without an ID Badge, they will report to office 101 through the front of the school to get a temporary ID and will be assigned lunch detention. If a student does not attend lunch detention, they will be assigned after school detention.

## School Hours

- 7th and 8th grade students may enter the building through the mall entrance (Oak Ridge) beginning at 8:00am. 6th grade students may enter the building through the front entrance (Merrill) beginning at 8:00am.
- Students arriving after 8:30am are tardy. If a student arrives after 8:30am, **the parent must come into the building and sign the tardy log located in the foyer**. Once the parent has signed their child in, they will get a pass to go to class.
- School is dismissed at 4:00pm. Students who are not staying for afterschool activities must be picked up by 4:15pm.
- We offer after school programming through **Hogg Heaven** for students who are not in athletics or other Hogg after school activities. Contact Ms. Johnson at [cjohns78@houstonisd.org](mailto:cjohns78@houstonisd.org) to find out more.

## Parent Communication

Our primary form of communication at James Hogg M.S. is email. It is very important for parents to have a current email address on file with our registrar. Our weekly newsletter, *The Razorback Express*, goes out to all parents via email at the end of each week. Teacher email addresses can be found in the Staff Directory of our school website ([www.houstonisd.org/hogg](http://www.houstonisd.org/hogg)). Our campus policy requires that teachers return emails from parents 48 hours after the email is received. If you experience any delay in response from a teacher, please reach out to your child's grade level Assistant Principal and/or Administrative Assistant.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Office

Assistant Principal: LaKeysha Boleware – [LBolewar@houstonisd.org](mailto:LBolewar@houstonisd.org)

Administrative Assistant: Nadia Sevilla [Nadia.Sevilla@houstonisd.org](mailto:Nadia.Sevilla@houstonisd.org)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Office

Assistant Principal: Tiffany Roque Creuzot– [Tiffany.Creuzot@houstonisd.org](mailto:Tiffany.Creuzot@houstonisd.org)

Administrative Assistant: Anel Villareal - [AVillarreal@houstonisd.org](mailto:AVillarreal@houstonisd.org)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Office

Assistant Principal: Mary Mulready – [MMulread@houstonisd.org](mailto:MMulread@houstonisd.org)

Administrative Assistant: Vanessa Segovia- [VSEGOVIA@houstonisd.org](mailto:VSEGOVIA@houstonisd.org)



### Cell Phone Policy

**Students are NOT permitted to use personal cell phones, smart watches, tablets, air pods, headphones or any other non-approved digital devices at any time while on campus or during school-sponsored events.** Students are allowed to bring their cell phones to school; however, they must be turned off and stored in their backpacks. Students are not permitted to carry their phones in their pocket during the school day. Digital devices used during school hours will be confiscated, held in a locked safe within the Main Office (203), and returned subject to a **\$15 fine**, per HISD policy. A parent or guardian must pick up the device from the Main Office (203). Digital devices will not be given back to students. For more information regarding HISD cell phone usage policies, consult the Student Code of Conduct at [www.houstonisd.org/codeofconduct](http://www.houstonisd.org/codeofconduct).

Please do not call or text your child during the school day on their cell phone. You may call the front desk with messages for your child and the receptionist will see that the information is delivered to the student accordingly. **Calling or texting a student directly during school hours is a violation of the above policy and will result in confiscation of the device.**

### Food and Lunch Policy

As a part of Hogg's Title I status, free lunch is available to all students regardless of need. Students may eat the lunch provided by HISD or pack their own lunch from home. **Parents are not permitted to drop lunch off for their child at school.**



## 2023-2024 School Supply List

### 6th-8th Grade:

To Keep in Backpack	Turn in to Homeroom Teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pair of headphones – Bluetooth/wireless not allowed</li> <li>• 1 package of colored pencils</li> <li>• 2 packages of black or blue pens</li> <li>• 1 box of #2 pencils</li> <li>• 1 box of multicolored highlighters</li> <li>• 8 composition notebooks</li> <li>• 1 handheld pencil sharpener</li> <li>• 1 glue sticks</li> <li>• 1 pair of scissors</li> <li>• 1 computer mouse (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 boxes of Kleenex</li> <li>• 1 package of Clorox Wipes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recommended but not required for all 8th grade &amp; Algebra students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TI CX Inspire Graphing Calculator</li> </ul>	

*\*Specialty classes and some core classes may request additional supplies.\**

**If your family is in need of school supplies, please email your child's grade level Administrative Assistant will work with your family to meet your needs.**



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