Hamilton’s Dress Code

All students are expected to be in dress code every single day, dressed appropriately for school. Parents, as you make your purchases, please keep in mind that you are responsible for making sure your child follows the required dress code. Disciplinary action for your child regarding inappropriate dress can be completely avoided if you purchase proper school attire and make sure your child is in dress code before coming to school. If your child is not in dress code, you will be contacted to bring the proper attire. If you cannot do this, your child will spend the day in In-School-Suspension.

The following are the requirements:

**Bottoms**
- Boys-Khaki or navy blue pants, shorts
- Girls-Khaki or navy blue pants, shorts, or skirts
  **No denim, or denim looking materials or corduroy.**

**Tops**
- Plain white, grey, or navy blue polo style collared shirts with NO embellishments
- School shirts with the Hamilton logo can be purchased on campus for $13.00 in room 200 from 8 a.m. to noon during the school year. Shirts will be sold at Orientation in August before the school year begins.
- **Hamilton Spirit shirts can be worn only on Fridays.**

This will help you as you make your purchases:

**SHIRTS**
- are not to be longer than three inches below the natural waistline of the bottoms and must be tucked into the bottoms.
- that are too snug or too short and expose midriffs and cleavage are inappropriate for school. Test, if you raise your arms above your head and the shirt exposes skin, it’s too short.
- worn underneath the uniform shirt must be white. No embellishments or other colors are permitted.

**BOTTOMS**
- of shorts and skirts are to be no higher than 3 inches above the crease at the back of the knee.
- should fit your child appropriately so that they do not sag below the waistline or be too large for your child. Sagging, baggy attire is unsafe and inappropriate for school.
- if belt loops exist, a belt must be worn and be visible once the shirt is tucked into the waistline. Belts are to be plain with no writing or metal spikes.
- and other clothing purchased with holes or holes cut into clothing for style effects are strictly prohibited.

**SHOES**
- are to be closed toe and heel, be comfortable, and safe for walking. Sandals or other types of shoes that expose feet are unsafe and strictly prohibited.

**BACKPACKS**
- are to be mesh or clear. Any other type will be confiscated, and parents/guardians will have to come to the school to pick up the backpack.

**BADGES**
- Once badges are issued, students must wear their grade level ID badge on a lanyard so that it is visible to school administration, faculty, and staff.
- Badges should be free of stickers or other obstructions to the picture and printed information on the badge.
The initial permanent badge is free. If lost, a replacement costs $5.00.
If forgotten, a temporary badge can be purchased for $1.00 before homeroom in the cafeteria. During homeroom, temporary badges can be purchased in the grade level office for $2.00.

**PEIRCINGS, HAIR, and HAIR COLOR**
- Piercings other than in ears are not permitted. Ear spikes and are strictly prohibited.
- Hair cuts are not to detract from instruction. Mohawks, faux-hawks, shaved designs etc. are not permitted.
- Hair color must be natural, colors found in natural human hair.

**Dress Code Discipline Process**
First and second Dress Code Violations Result in:

A. Phone call home for proper attire to be brought to school so that student may change in cases where attire is a major violation (wearing jeans or pants that look like jeans, holes in clothing, baggy attire or clothing that is revealing and inappropriate for school). **If this is not possible, your child may be placed into In-School-Suspension.**

B. Dress Code Ticket Issued

After the 2nd ticketed violation, dress code offenses will result in more serious action as deemed necessary by the grade level dean.

*Parents, a running tab is kept by the grade level dean’s office on students who are unable to pay their badge fees when they have forgotten their permanent badge. If these tabs, or IOU’s, are not paid, your child will be denied school year privileges. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and has on his or her badge before coming to school.*