



MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL at FRAGA

2021 – 2022 DRESS CODE

Dear Panther Family,

The district has decided to return to a dress code policy for the 2021-2022 school year. Please see our dress code policy.

Standard dress code consists of:

1. Polo shirt
2. Pants that are not ripped
3. Closed toe shoes
4. Visible ID badge

School Dress Code: All students attending Middle College High School at HCC Fraga are required to dress for college success. Teachers are expected to enforce the dress code, and for questionable attire, send the students to the office with a note describing the dress code violation. The student will either return in dress code or will have a note explaining the office decision.

Tops: Students will be required to wear a polo shirt. Note that the student's clothing should not be altered i.e. decorative tearing, cutting, beading, knotting or any other alteration) which represents a distraction to the educational process. Students will be permitted to wear the MCHS at HCC Fraga spirit t-shirt or college shirts.

ID Badges - Students will be given a student ID badge during orientation week. They will be required to wear their own MCHS at HCC Fraga ID badge above their waist with their picture visible at all times. Note: ID badges are property of HISD and must not be defaced. Lanyards must be school issued, college, or military logo design on them.

Pants: Pants with rips are not acceptable and school should not be altered i.e. decorative tearing, cutting, beading, knotting or any other alteration which represents a distraction to the educational process.

Skirts, spandex, leggings, sport shorts, sweat pants, decorative stitching are not allowed. Dress code must not be excessively tight, loose, or baggy and must be worn at the natural waist.

Shoes: Closed toe shoes are required. House shoes such as bedroom slipper, flip-flops, and athletic slides are not allowed.

Jewelry, Eyewear, and Head Gear - Jewelry (including body jewelry) must not contain spikes. Jewelry should not be heavy, harmful or distracting. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building. Only prescription contacts are permitted. No head covering of any kind. Hats, scarves, bandanas or head gear are not allowed.

Religious, Racial, Gender-Specific or Ethic Attire:

Nothing in this policy is intended to abridge rights at law relating to non-discrimination or hinder the advancement of diversity at the institution. Significant flexibility in freedom of choice will be shown in relation to religious or ethnic attire. Head covers, skirts or/and dresses that are required for religious purposes or to honor cultural tradition are allowed.

MCHS at HCC Fraga will not tolerate gang-related behavior and/or the wearing of gang-identified articles of clothing and/or other gang symbols. Any articles of clothing, symbols, or emblems thought to signify gang membership will be banned. Apparel with inappropriate writing, inappropriate drawings, or inappropriate advertisements, to include but not limited to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, prison activities, gang activities, sexual innuendoes, cultural divisiveness, and racial intolerance may not be worn.

MCHS at HCC Fraga faculty and administration will enforce the dress code in a uniform manner. They will also determine the appropriateness of attire for school occasions and activities. All students have the responsibility to wear clothing that contributes both to their own health and safety as well as that of others. The student dress code applies to students on campus, whether during the school day or after hours, including those serving detention or Saturday School.

Students who disagree with particular requirements of the MCHS at HCC Fraga dress code are encouraged to work within the system to request changes. Use your representatives on the SDMC and on Student Council to express your opinions. There are many interests for the school to consider in deciding policy, but please know that student concerns are given serious consideration whenever policy is developed. As a general rule the MCHS at HCC Fraga dress code will not be revised more frequently than once a year. Also, courts at both the state and federal levels have recognized the rights of school officials to regulate standards of student dress and grooming.

Students not in compliance with the standardized dress code will be subject to disciplinary action. The administration of MCHS at HCC Fraga will be the final authority of any rules subject to interpretation. When in doubt, do not wear items until it has been cleared by an administrator.