

## HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Student Dress Code

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### *Board Policy: FNCA (LOCAL) STUDENT CONDUCT: DRESS CODE*

**PURPOSE** *The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.*

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

*Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.*

*The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:*

- 1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene*
- 2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcohol beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under FNCF (LEGAL).*

*The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the general guidelines set out above and with the student dress code outlined below and in the student handbook.*

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

*The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity. Students who violate dress and grooming standards established for such an activity may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the principal or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action, as specified in the Student Code of Conduct. [See FO series]*

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## **Campus Guidelines Grades PK-12**

### **CLOTHING**

#### **Pants**

Pants may be any color or pattern. Pants shall be neat and clean. No holes shall be permitted. Pants shall be worn at the natural waistline at an appropriate height with cuffs off the floor. Short pants shall extend to the knees or longer. No baggy, overly tight, or oversized clothing shall be permitted.

## Shirts

All shirts and blouses shall have sleeves and may be of any design, pattern, or color. All shirts and blouses must be modest and non-exposing and they must fit below the natural waistline and be no longer than the fingertips. Mid-riff or tied shirts are not permitted. Shirts depicting any kind of flag shall not be permitted. Shirts and blouses with advertising will not be permitted except for the manufacturer's logo and on spirit shirts.

Hoodies may be worn, but no hood, on the head, is permitted in the building.

Undergarments shall not be permitted to be worn on the outside of clothing. White undershirts are not permitted.

## Spirit Shirts

No homemade shirts/sweatshirts shall be permitted. Hitchcock Bulldog spirit shirts may be worn on any day.

## Athletic apparel

Athletic apparel, i.e. athletic shorts, warm-up pants, sweat suits, jerseys, etc. are not permitted in academic classrooms.

## Skirts, dresses, jumpers, and slacks

Shall be knee-length or longer. Skirts shall touch the top of the knee cap when standing. Appropriate foundation garments (underwear) shall be worn and will not be visible.

## Sleepwear

Sleepwear shall not be permitted.

## Coat/ jacket/ sweater

Long coats (knees-length or longer) may not be worn.

## MAKE-UP

Appropriate make-up is permitted. Excessive make-up, including heavy eyeliner and black lipstick is prohibited. Make-up shall be in natural skin tones.

## HAIR

Shall be neat and clean and shall not be colored or dyed an unnatural color.

Facial hair shall be properly groomed.

## EARRINGS/ JEWELRY

Looping or dangling earrings shall be no longer than 1 inch in length and/or 1 inch in diameter. Only stud style earrings are acceptable for male students (no more than two earrings per ear). Students are not permitted to wear other nontraditional piercing, for example, nose, lip, tongue, eyebrow, or body rings.

Large medallion necklaces shall not be permitted.

#### CHAINS

Dangling chains, such as wallet chains, choker chains, pocket chains, and the like, shall not be permitted.

#### SUNGLASSES

Sunglasses shall not be permitted to be worn in the building. They shall be removed upon entering the building. Dark glasses are permitted only with a written verification of need by a doctor.

#### SHOES

Shoes shall be closed toe with a solid back. Heels higher than 2 inches shall not be permitted. Students shall have appropriate shoes for physical education activity.

Shoe laces shall be properly tied.

House slippers are not permitted.

#### HATS

No type of head covering, cap, hat, bandanna, hair roller, hair net, or long-handled comb, rakes, or picks are permitted. Ponytail holders, barrettes, headbands, and hair bows are acceptable.

#### TATTOOS

All tattoos shall be appropriately covered—real or pretend.

#### MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

The school administration may grant an exception to any of the above positions if a student has a legitimate physical or medical condition rendering compliance with the provisions detrimental to the student's physical health as provided by their health care provider and documentation is on file.

#### PURSES, BOOK BAGS, BACKPACKS

Purses, book bags, and backpacks are permitted.

#### VIOLATIONS

Appropriate discipline procedures for violations of the dress code shall be followed in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

In situations covered in the student dress code, and those not specifically covered in the student dress code, the school administration shall have full authority to take the necessary steps in correcting those students whose appearance or mode of dress,

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in the judgment of the school administration, is distracting and/or disrupting to the normal operation of the school.