

Dress and Grooming (All Grade Levels)

The Hitchcock ISD dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, minimize safety hazards, and prepare students for the future. Students whose religious beliefs require exemptions from the district's Dress Code, in any way, may be granted an exemption, provided the student presents a written statement, expressing a religious objection to the Dress Code that the district determines is bona fide. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, if they comply with the following:

1. No baggy, overly tight, or oversized clothing permitted.
2. **Students must wear their school assigned ID** at all times on a lanyard or a clip and appropriately displayed. Alterations of a school ID will not be permitted. Lost or damaged IDs can be replaced for \$5. (IDs pertain to students at CMS and HHS.)
3. **Pants** – Must be worn at the natural waistline. They shall be neat and clean and have no holes with skin showing above the knee. Shorts shall be at least fingertip length. In the case of leggings- tops should be worn that are fingertip length.
4. **Shirts**- Must have sleeves and be made of a solid material, no see-through material allowed. Shirts must be long enough to cover midriff (when arms are raised) and not have spaghetti straps, off the shoulder, or cold-shoulders. No advertisement is allowed if not school appropriate (i.e. alcohol, guns, violence, illegal activities, etc.)
5. **Hoodies**- May be worn, but the hood is not allowed to cover any part of the head while in the building.
6. **Athletic apparel**- May be worn but must meet the requirements listed above for pants, shorts, and shirts.
7. **Skirts/Dresses/Jumpers**- Must at least be fingertip length. If there is a slit or hole in the skirt, it may not be higher than fingertip level.
8. **Coats/Outerwear**- Long coats may not be worn. Hooded jackets are allowed, but the hood may not cover the head in the building.
9. **Hair**- Shall be neat and clean and a natural color. Hair shall not hang in the face to obscure the eyes. Facial hair shall be properly groomed with no cuts or shave-ins on the brow.
10. **Make-up**- Excessive make-up that is deemed a distraction is not permitted. Unnatural contact lens colors are not allowed.
11. **Earrings/Jewelry**- The only piercings allowed are on ears or a small nose stud. Band-Aids to cover non-dress code piercings are not allowed. Spiked jewelry, including earrings, is not allowed.
12. **Sunglasses**- May not be worn in the building. Dark glasses are permitted with a written verification from a doctor.
13. **Footwear**- Most shoes must be closed toed and have a full back due to class safety issues. Any shoe that does not fit that description is not allowed except for slides (with socks) or Crocs. (This includes, but is not limited to- shower shoes, house shoes, sandals, flip flops, etc.)
14. **Hats**- The following head coverings/accessories are not permitted: beanies, cap, hat, bonnet, bandana, hair roller, hair net, or long-handled comb, rakes or picks.
15. **Tattoos**- Any lewd, obscene, gang-related, or tattoos considered to be inappropriate for school must be covered at all times.
16. **Purses/backpacks**- They must be school appropriate with no advertisement or inappropriate writing on them.
17. **Gang identifiers**- Any item of dress that is considered "gang-related" will not be allowed at any time on campus (this includes after-hours extracurricular events). These items include, but

are not limited to, the following: bandanas, cuts or shave-ins on eyebrows, rosaries worn as necklaces, or any other gang affiliated items.

18. **Undergarments-** No undergarments shall be visible at any time during the school day or at extracurricular activities.

19. **Prohibited at all times-** Blankets, pajamas, pillows, and sleepwear.

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

If an administrator determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.