Hitchcock High School
Dress Code Guidelines
Grades 9 - 12

CLOTHING

Pants/Shorts –
- Pants may be any color or pattern and shall be neat and clean.
- Pants may not have any hole above the knee with skin or flesh colored tights (any other color tight is appropriate) showing.
- Pants shall be worn at the natural waistline at an appropriate height with cuffs off the floor.
- Short pants must reach to the top of the knee. 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; however, fabrics must be solid—no see-through material allowed.
- Shirts are not to be tight-fitting and no cleavage can be exposed. Wearing a jacket over a non-dress code shirt is not permitted.
- Spaghetti strap, off the shoulder, midriff or tied shirts are not permitted. Shirts depicting any kind of flag shall not be permitted.
- Shirts and blouses with advertising anything inappropriate for school (i.e. alcohol, weapons, suicide, illegal activities, etc.) are not allowed.
- 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 as shirts—a jacket covering the white undershirt is not acceptable.
- No homemade spirit shirts/sweatshirts shall be permitted. Hitchcock Bulldog spirit shirts may be worn on any day.

Athletic apparel –
- Athletic shorts and warm-ups are permitted only if worn with an HISD spirit shirt. Only athletic shorts that extend to right above the knees with side pockets and a drawstring are permitted. They must be appropriately sized and not tight fitting.
- Athletic warm-ups cannot be tight fitting and may not be made of Lycra or spandex. They must have a drawstring and side pockets.
- Spirit apparel of other non-Hitchcock, non-collegiate schools is prohibited.

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.
- No hole or slit in a skirt, dress, or jumper may be higher than the top of the knee.
- No cut-off skirts or dresses are allowed.
- Tight fitting apparel is not allowed—this includes dresses, skirts, and jumpers.

Footwear—
- Shoes must be safe for school. Some classes require close-toed shoes due to safety reasons.
- No house slippers, shower shoes, or shoes with over a 3” heel.
- Slides are allowed if worn with socks.
Outerwear –
- Long coats (knees-length or longer) may not be worn.
- Hooded jackets are allowed- but no hood may be worn on head on school property. Students who violate this policy will lose their right to wear hooded clothing at school.

Grooming –
- 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. No unnatural contact lens colors are allowed.
- Hair: Shall be neat and clean and shall not be colored or dyed an unnatural color (this includes extensions). Facial hair shall be properly groomed with no cuts or shave-ins on the brow. Hair shall not hang in face to obscure the eyes.
- Head Coverings: No type of complete head-covering is allowed for any student, male or female. (No cap, hair net, doo-rag, bandana, scarfs, etc.) Headbands, barrettes and pony-tail holders are acceptable.
- Earrings/Jewelry – Visible body piercings, other than the ears or a small nose stud piercing (no hoops), and related jewelry are prohibited. Band-Aids to cover jewelry/piercings or spacers are not allowed. Spiked jewelry, including earrings, is not allowed. Rosary beads worn as jewelry or large medallion style jewelry are prohibited.
- Tattoos: Tattoos must be covered at all times- permanent or temporary ones.

Purses, book bags, backpacks-
- All are permitted on campus; however, must not advertise or have any inappropriate writing on them.

Prohibited Items-
- No sleepwear.
- No blankets.
- Undergarments worn as outer garments. (i.e. men’s tanks style undershirt as a shirt)
- No clothing item that can be disruptive to the educational environment of the school.
- No metal hair combs or picks.
- Any type of jewelry that can be used as a weapon. (i.e. large-knuckle rings, heavy chains on belts, etc.) No chains at all.
- Sunglasses are not allowed to be worn in the building. (Unless required for medical purposes- a dr.’s note must be on file.)

Religious/Medical Exceptions-
- The school administration may grant an exception to any of the above positions if a student has a legitimate religious, physical, or medical condition rendering compliance with the provisions detrimental to the student’s physical health as provided by their health care provider or is against their religion. Documentation from a medical professional or recognized religious leader must be on file.

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

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