

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

State educational authorities and recent court decisions have determined that style of dress and hair should not disrupt classes, interfere with learning, prevent instruction, and should comply with state health and safety standards. The Huntsville City Schools believe that requiring neatness, cleanliness, and appropriateness in clothing encourages an atmosphere conducive to learning, work, and discipline. Students are required to dress in a way that is appropriate for school. Students will not wear any article of clothing or display any insignia or sign that shows disrespect for any person, creed, race, color, sex, or nationality. Parents/guardians are expected to monitor students' dress. The following is a list of dress guidelines that apply but are not limited to:

1. Clothing that displays antisocial, immoral or illegal behavior is not allowed. Any article of clothing, jewelry, or haircut depicting gangs, satanic, occult, violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, mutilation or language that could be considered obscene or vulgar will not be allowed.
2. Jewelry that could be used as a weapon is not allowed.
- *3. All shorts/skort, skirts and dresses must approach knee length. Slits in skirts and dresses must not be extreme or revealing.
- *4. If so designed, shirts and blouses must be tucked in pants and/or skirts. oversized tops may not be worn below the waist.
5. Except for religious purposes, hats and head coverings may not be worn in school buildings.
6. Sunglasses, gloves, bandanas, and house slippers may not be worn in school buildings.
7. Bib overalls and/or suspenders must be snapped, hooked and/or buttoned and kept on shoulders. Belts must be buckled.
8. Pants may not be oversized, too tight, or allowed to sag. Undergarments must not be exposed. Pant legs must be uniform length and may not drag on the floor.
9. Revealing tops, spandex, or clinging garments are not permitted.

Any student in violation of the dress code will be required to change. Time missed from classes will be unexcused (students must make-up work missed). Disregard for the dress code will lead to disciplinary action, in accordance with the Huntsville City Schools Official Student/Parent Handbook.

The final decision regarding dress will rest with the building principal or his/her designee.

* Elementary principals are urged to use discretion according to student age and size.