ROANOKE CITY SCHOOLS
DRESS CODE

No Slacking: Because of safety and continuous problems with males slacking, all males must wear shirts on the inside of their pants. Belts must be worn at all times when there is belt loops and pants are slacking. Pants must be worn at the natural waist line. “Slacking” is considered inappropriate. All clothing will be worn in such a manner that undergarments and/or parts of the anatomy are not exposed.

Proper and appropriate dress will be required of students at all times. Therefore, HMS students are asked not to wear any type clothing that could be considered disruptive to the learning environment. The Assistant Principal, Counselor, with the assistance of the Principal, will determine if clothing is inappropriate. The following steps will be taken for dress code violations. Students will be required to change for violating the dress code.

1. Belts must be worn at all times when there is belt loops and pants are slacking. Pants must be worn at the natural waist line. “Slacking” is considered inappropriate. All clothing will be worn in such a manner that undergarments and/or parts of the anatomy are not exposed. Students may not roll up one pant leg and leave the other down.
2. Students, girls and boys, must wear clothing that is no more than five inches above the knee. If there is a question about length, measure the length before coming to school.
3. In girls’ dresses or skirts with or without slits, the dress or skirt cannot have a slit at all if the skirt is 5 inches above the knee. No leggings or tights can be worn under a skirt unless the skirt is no more than 5 inches above the knee.
4. Clothing that is too tight, such as “bicycle shorts,” will not be permitted.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times. (bedroom slippers are not allowed)
6. See-through attire will not be permitted unless you have an approved shirt underneath.
7. Hats, toboggans, etc., will not be worn in the buildings.
8. Midriffs must be covered not only when standing, but also when bending. If you have a question as to whether your top is too short, raise your arms. If your midriff shows, your top is too short.
9. Clothing may not display references to, or images of, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or drugs. Clothing (including accessories) may not display any controversial, vulgar, or suggestive symbol, image insignia, badge, armband, decal, or writing. Slogans, sayings or messages having double meanings are not to be worn. Clothing may not display an image or message that is considered controversial in nature, or that contains racial or religious slurs. When in doubt about an article of clothing, seek the advice of the Principal, Assistant Principal, or Counselor. No holes in clothing is to be worn.
10. Clothing that is too large, such as tank tops or shirts with no side panels, will not be permitted.
11. Sun glasses will not be worn in the buildings.
12. No “ragged, marked-up” clothing will be permitted.
13. Clothing styles change very rapidly. When in doubt about a garment, seek the advice of the Principal or Counselor.
14. Wearing bandannas on the head or any part of the clothing is prohibited.
15. Tank tops must be at least two (2) inches across the shoulders and the undergarment cannot be seen.
16. Any tattoos must be covered with clothing.
17. Form-fitting garments (tops, pants, shorts and dresses) are prohibited.
18. All Jewelry that is deemed to be dangerous to the individual or others must be removed during PE. The student is responsible for placing jewelry in a safe place.