

# Haleyville City Schools

## DRESS AND APPEARANCE CODE

The Haleyville City Board of Education recognizes that student dress and appearance is primarily the responsibility of parents and guardians. Through the cooperation of the board, parents, and students, a good learning atmosphere can be enhanced by adhering to a set of policies suggested by students and amended, as necessary, by the Board. Proper standards of dress and grooming are expected of all students at all times. As a general guideline, any manner of dress deemed inappropriate or disruptive during the scholastic day and/or during the practice for, or performance in, extra-curricular activities will not be allowed. The school administration has the authority to determine whether or not a student is in compliance with dress code regulations.

The purpose of the dress code is to insure a good learning situation by disallowing types of clothing or other aspects of appearance that would be distracting in the classroom.

### Dress Code Grades 9-12

The following policies apply to students attending Haleyville City Schools and this Code of Student Conduct serves as the only warning: Students should be aware of and follow all of the following rules beginning the first day. Disciplinary action will apply if students do not comply with the dress code.

1. All students must wear shoes that are appropriate for school.
2. Sandals may be worn without socks during appropriate seasons.
3. See-through clothing is not acceptable.
4. Pants with holes in the fabric will not be worn unless stitched or patched (Skin or any type of other clothing cannot be visible under the pants at anytime) and holes will not be taped
5. Shirts made to be tucked in should be worn that way (unless used as a sweater-like overshirt over other acceptable clothing).
6. Proper undergarments should be worn at all times but should not be visible at anytime.
7. Clothes revealing bare midriffs will not be worn.
8. Hair must be clean, combed, and well-groomed. For safety and instructional purposes hair must not be in proximity of the eyes of the student or impair his/her vision (e.g. below the eye brows where the visibility of either one eye or both eyes is obstructed from the view of others). Pig-tails or pony-tails for males is not allowed, and males may not wear hair longer than collar top of a regular fitting T-shirt at the back. Unnatural hair color for students is not allowed (e.g. blue, pink, purple, green, etc.). Mohawks, liberty spikes, etchings in the hair, or like hair shall not be worn by students. Appropriate safety precautions must be observed in all classes. If long hair is a safety hazard, students will receive directions from the teacher/instructor. Eye protection may be required in some classes. Whenever a student's hairstyle becomes a disruptive issue, the principal will address the problem on an individual basis. Students will not be about hair violations.
9. Clothing should not be too tight fitting.
10. Dress or skirt length in high school should be no shorter than approximately 4 inches above the knee (measuring from the top of the knee cap) with or without leggings, pantyhose and/or tights.
11. Sundresses and tops may be worn with straps at least two inches in width.
12. Neckline must be decent.
13. Shorts if worn in grades 9-12 should be no shorter than approximately four inches above the knee (measuring from the top of the knee cap) with or without leggings, pantyhose and/or tights.
14. Sleeveless blouses and tops may be worn with straps at least two inches in width. Shirts and blouses with split or open sides, tank tops, muscle shirts, and other similar top are not acceptable for high school wear.
15. Facial hair (beards, mustaches) is acceptable within reason, but should be kept neat and trim.
- 16. Clothing (t-shirts, jackets, etc.) with slogans, pictures or symbols advocating the use of drugs and/or alcohol, tobacco, or advertisements for such products is not acceptable for school wear.**
17. Headgear including, but not limited to hats, caps, sweatbands, bandanas, visors, do rags, and sunglasses, must be removed before entering the school building and shall be properly stored and may not be carried around in hand. On "special" occasions, the wearing of caps and hats may be approved by the principal.

18. The wearing of cosmetics (make-up) and/or pierced jewelry earrings, (including earrings) by male students is not acceptable.
19. The wearing of pierced jewelry by girls will be limited to earrings, in the ear only.
20. Articles of clothing, patches, emblems, jewelry and other personal items that promote or endorse demonic worship and/or similar types of harmful and disruptive values are not appropriate for school wear.
21. Trench coats are prohibited and will not be worn.
22. Clothing with words, pictures or symbols of profanity or vulgarity, whether explicit or implied, is not acceptable.
23. Pants worn below appropriate waist-line or sagging pants and pajama/pajama like pants are prohibited. Underwear, shorts, or other like clothing should not be visible under pants or above the waistline.
24. The wearing of wallet chains or chains such as metal leashes, etc. is prohibited.
25. Students may not alter their usual manner of dressing for the purpose of initiation into a sorority, fraternity, or any such group.
26. Shoes may not contain any type of wheel or roller blades.
27. The school administration has the authority to determine whether or not a student is in compliance with dress code regulations.

If there is a question about an article of clothing you are considering wearing but not covered above, simply ask yourself whether or not the wearing of the clothing could possibly offend someone or cause undue attention or distraction. If the answer to this question is "yes", then the clothing should not be worn to school.

AMENDING THE DRESS CODE - A Student Dress Code Committee will be given an opportunity each school year to review the dress code and suggest any changes in the code which they would have the Board consider for the next school year.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE - Both administration and faculty will be responsible for the enforcement of the code. The principal will name a select committee to assist him/her in the interpretation and enforcement of the code