

Vestavia Hills High School Dress Code

Purpose Statement: The purpose of the high school dress code is to give students a safe, orderly, and distraction-free environment. An effective dress code depends most importantly on the cooperation of the students but also on that of the parents and school faculty. Student dress should have a neat and modest appearance, allowing for personal expression of style, yet not disrupting the learning process. To fulfill our responsibility to the students of Vestavia Hills High School, a dress code committee of parents, teachers and students has decided on the following:

1. Students' clothing must not expose skin at the waist/midriff area or excessive skin of the upper torso area; cleavage must not be exposed. Undergarments must not be visible under any circumstances at any time.
2. "Low-riders" and excessively long, large, or baggy clothes are not allowed. Examples would be oversized pants and shirts tall-tees and team jerseys with excessively long shirttails must not be worn
3. Students must not wear anything that could be viewed as obscene, vulgar, suggestive or offensive to anyone of any age. This includes clothes which are too tight, or too revealing, or which promote the use of drugs, or endorse alcohol or tobacco products.
4. Skirts and shorts must be no shorter than three inches above the kneecap.
5. Head coverings of any kind must be removed inside the school building and kept in a locker during the school day.
6. Body piercing jewelry is allowed only in female students' ears.
7. Jewelry with spikes, including but not limited to belts and bracelets along with wallet or watch chains, may not be worn.
8. Students must have cleanly shaven faces. A student's hair must not cover his/her eyes. Male students may not have ponytails and hair length must be above the shoulder. Hair must not be of unnatural colors.
9. Tattoos must not be visible at any time while at school.
10. Students must wear shoes.

The local school and system administrators reserve the right to modify this policy as necessary and reserve the right to determine what is inappropriate and unsafe.

Penalty for non-compliance -Parents or students must supply what is needed for compliance before the student is allowed to return to class. The time out of class will be considered an unexcused absence. The student will receive one session of detention. Repeated offenses will require progression of punishment for defiance.